

PARKSIDE FOOTBALL CLUB 1897/2017



HISTORY OF THE PARKSIDE FOOTBALL CLUB



1897/2017

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ONCE A PARKSIDER, ALWAYS A PARKSIDER



Foreword

Celebrating 120 years of the Parkside Football Club, we cherish a beautiful heritage that has been given to us.

The rich and long lasting existence of Parkside has been crystallised by the joy, sorrow, excitement, pain, love and mateship of countless individuals, family members, club officials and volunteers.

Vladimir Bera

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HERB E. PASCARL Epitomized PARKSIDE FOOTBALL CLUB

At first glance, the history of the local football club may seem deceptively inapplicable to any kind of publishing. However, local sporting clubs have a significant impact on both the individuals who are actively involved in clubs and the wider community. At least, we as the custodians of this great club are responsible for preserving memories for those who served Parkside Football club and kept the community socially cohesive and productive.

Parkside Football Club has been privileged to have had the opportunity to be a huge part of Herb Pascarl's life.

Herb E. Pascarl loved Parkside Football Club and Parkside Football Club loves Herb.

Thus, there is no better way to define Parkside's 120-year existence than by referring to Herb Pascarl's brief history of the football club.

Recorded and published in the best manner of the written oral history, this booklet reveals how the values of the local football club are derived from a vibrant community and how these principles extend beyond sport for sport's sake, passing crucial, social and ethical values for generations to come.

Pascarl selflessly served the football club and the local community by putting his heart and soul in his volunteering work, organisation and the mobilisation of community resources. Pascarl leaves us a legacy, demonstrating that life is best lived in service to others, with passion and integrity.

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Oblinagil

"Although this is the history of the Parkside Football Club from 1897, prior to that it was called Oblinagil, which in Aboriginal meant 'near the park' or 'beside the park'."

The History of the Parkside Football Club 1897 - 1997" by Herbert E. Pascarl, 1997

Recognising the traditional owners of the land Maribyrnong Council emphasizes the fact that, "Aboriginal people have a deep and continuous connection to the place now called Victoria. Aboriginal people have lived in the Maribyrnong River valley for at least 40,000 years and probably far longer.

The City of Maribyrnong was built largely on the traditional lands of the Marin-balluk clan of the Woi Wurrung language group, one of the five language groups of the Kulin Nation.

The Wurundjeri tribe of the Kulin Nation is recognised as the traditional custodians of this land. The Kulin share religious beliefs, creation stories or oral history, and are affiliated with one of two groups (moieties) named after creators or ancestors Bunjil (eaglehawk) and Waa (crow). The religious beliefs formed the basis for social organisations and management of land and resources. It is estimated that when Europeans first arrived some 200 years ago, Aboriginal nations across Victoria sustained more than 60,000 people. These societies were characterised by a complex array of laws, languages, traditions, spiritual beliefs and cultural ties.

European settlement in Maribyrnong in the 1830s had a massive impact on Aboriginal people, as it did throughout Victoria and Australia, decimating communities, displacing families and disrupting lives. Traditional lands were taken over by settlers and graziers and the local "Aboriginal community

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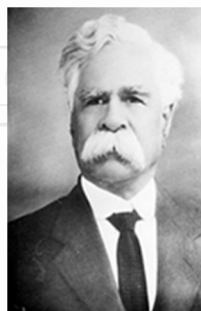
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was subjected to introduced diseases, massacres and discriminatory government policies” that still have inter-generational effects today. And yet in spite of this, Aboriginal culture remains a dynamic force in contemporary society, contributing to the diverse and thriving Western region of Melbourne, including the City of Maribyrnong.

Aboriginal people began moving back into Kulin territories from missions and government reserves in the early years of the twentieth century, particularly in the 1920's and 1930's.

They worked in the large industries that were established in Maribyrnong - Angliss and Pridhams Meatworks, the munitions factories, Kinnears ropes and the railways - and were at the forefront of the Aboriginal rights movement during the 1930's and 1940's led by William Cooper. His home in Footscray was one of the early headquarters of the Australian Aborigines League. “The Aboriginal community has never been static, either prior to or after European contact. It has continued to adjust and adapt to a changing environment.”

<http://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au>



William Cooper

“The animals at the Zoo are looked after. They have servants to care for them, Food is supplied for them. Their homes are sure. Not so the blacks. We still feel unsafe in the hands of those who are controlling and “protecting” us.

We still meet people who, with their sense of British superiority, look down upon us with disdain as unworthy of consideration — as “Abos”, a race of another color-whereas the two races should be on the best of terms and give to each other full credit for the good qualities of which they are possessed.” ~ William Cooper

<https://waynera.files.wordpress.com/2010/09/cooper.pdf>

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It is not hard to draw conclusions on how Australian Football Rules are similar to the indigenous game. However, a curator of the Museum of Victoria discovered an image in 2007, which may be the first picture of an Australian football game, being played by Indigenous people near modern-day Mildura. Prior to this discovery there have been numerous written testimonies. Tony Wright, a writer for the Age newspaper compiled interesting sources in this intriguing article.

"The first observation of an Indigenous ball game was made in 1798 by David Collins, who had arrived with the First Fleet as the colony's first deputy judge advocate. Then, in 1839, the first Protector of Aborigines in the Port Phillip District, William Thomas, wrote: "The Marn-Grook or Ball is a favourite game with the boys and men."

"A party assemble, one makes a ball of opossum skin or fur of another animal of a large size, working it over and over with the sinews of a kangaroo tail, the ball is kicked up in the air, not thrown up by hand as white boys do, nor kicked along the ground, there is general excitement who shall catch it, the tall fellows stand the best chance, when the ball is caught it is kicked up in the air again by the one who caught it, it is sent with great force and ascends as straight up and as high as when thrown by hand, they will play the game for hours and fine exercise it is for adults or youths."

One of the most lucid recollections of the game was given by James Dawson, an early pastoralist and a fine friend of Indigenous people in Western Victoria.

"One of the favourite games is football, in which 50, or as many as 100 players engage at a time," Dawson recalled in 1881, describing a sinew-bound possum-skin ball filled with pounded charcoal.

"The players are divided into two sides and ranged in opposing lines, which are always of a different 'class' – white cockatoo against black cockatoo, quail against the snake, etc."

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/australian-rules-roots-are-black-and-white-20150730-gio3k8.html>



In background, kids kicking the "footy"

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Flemington Racecourse from the Footscray side of Salt Water River, Victoria

J. Ryan (1845)

Towards the end of the 19th century the Parkside Football Club was established.

In the words of Pascal,

"This team started about 1885 or 1886 and continued under that name until 1897 when a meeting was held and the name was changed to Parkside Football Club and a President was elected whose name was Dr Anderson and his residence was called Parkside in Moore Street, so this was actually the start of Parkside's name. This team, from 1885 to about 1903, played on a paddock called Newell's Paddock adjacent to the Footscray Park in Ballarat Road."



Dr Anderson

"Newell's Paddock was used as a holding yard for cattle and sheep from Newmarket Saleyards for the Abattoir owned by William Angliss. The Stockbridge over the Maribyrnong River (east end of the park) is a "tangible reminder of the vast Angliss complex."

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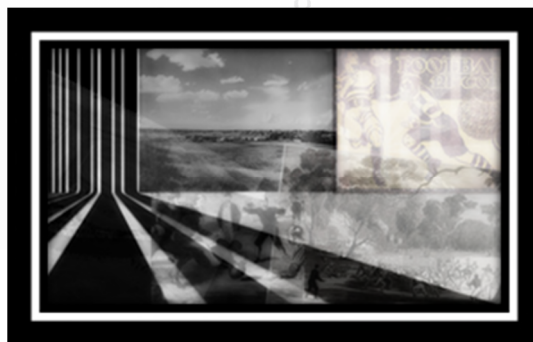
The Stockbridge was built in 1941 so that stock purchased from the Newmarket Saleyards could be driven across the bridge to Newells paddock rather than along the public road. The materials for the bridge came from a footbridge that had spanned the Yarra River at Punt Road from 1899 to 1938."



Newell's Paddock

"Newell's Paddock in the 1870's was a magnet for young Footscray boys who gathered mushrooms and caught yabbies in the two large waterholes. Legend has it that the boys also swam in the waterholes. This practice was probably discontinued into the 1880's when the paddock's owner, local contractor and businessman, David Newell, used it as a night soil dump. For a while at the end of the nineteenth century, Newell's Paddock was Parkside Football Club's home ground."

https://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Files/Maribyrnong_River_Heritage_Booklet.pdf



"The first Secretary was W. Dunne or Bunne and (Chilla) Blake was Captain. Many great games were played on this ground and were Premiers three years running in 1899, 1900 and 1901 defeating North Kensington, North Melbourne Stars, and Carlton Blues in that order.

Some great players in those years were Buff Stead to University later called Carlton, Corker Groves to Footscray and Essendon, Tommy Caines to Essendon and Albert Pascarl and Frank Trythall to Footscray 2nd. From 1903 to 1909, three flags were won, defeating North Stars, Ascot Vale and Mooney Valley." (H.Pascarl)

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A main business corner, Footscray, 1917

Footscray Independent wrote in 1908 that in a low scoring game Parkside prevailed over the Imperials,

“Last Saturday Imperials played the Parksides at Footscray, and the game resulted in a win for the latter. Scores: Parksides, 2 goals, 9 behinds; Imperials 1 goal, 6 behinds. C. Pope was the best man on the ground.”

Footscray Independent, 13 Jun 1908, Page 3



Footscray v Williamstown

Punch (Melbourne) 20 August 1908, page 14

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It was tragically symbolic that on the eve of the Great War, in May 1914, Footscray Advertiser briefly reported that,

“Parkside, minus eight of their regulars and playing a man short up to half time, put up a great fight against Roy Street (South Melbourne), Scores-Roy Street 5.7, Parkside 3.5. Those deserving of special mention were Moran, G. Murphy, Lucas, Hagg, Huntington, and Casserly.”

[Advertiser \(Footscray\) 2 May 1914, page 4](#)

World War One had catastrophic consequences for Australian and Victorian society.

“Every Victorian, man, woman or child knew someone at the war. A brother or son, a husband, a work colleague, a boy from just down the street, and there was anxiety and concern for each one of them. Casualty lists were regularly published in the newspapers and were also displayed in churches or left hanging from the gates of railway stations. The war was everywhere. Increasingly, bereaved women, mothers, wives and sisters, would be seen on the city streets, at church, on the trains and trams, in ‘mourning black’, long black dresses, shawls and capes, letting everyone know of their loss.”

<http://anzaccentenary.vic.gov.au/history/victorias-contribution-wwi/>



Australian First World War recruitment poster.

<https://www.awm.gov.au/blog/2015/10>

“For Australia, as for many nations, the First World War remains the most costly conflict in terms of deaths and casualties. From a population of fewer than five million, 416,809 men enlisted, of which over 60,000 were killed and 156,000 wounded, gassed, or taken prisoner.”

<http://rslnsw.org.au/commemoration/heritage/the-first-world-war>

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"During the 1916-1918 war years, only social games were played, mainly to keep the players and the club active instead of disbanding altogether." (H.Pascarl)

"During times of conflict, sport found its place equally on the battlefield and the home front. Cricket, Rugby, Aussie Rules, Rowing, Surf Lifesaving carnivals – all were familiar remnants of home, potent and poignant reminders of familiar activities and the fun, mateship and joy of more carefree days. The qualities of grit, endurance, fortitude, physical strength and aggression have been considered as necessary on the sporting field as on the battlefield."

The onset of the First World War impacted upon the game of Australian football; whilst the Victoria Football League (VFL) was still competitive throughout the years 1914 to 1918, it was not immune to the adverse effects of war on a nation that was still developing politically, socially and economically.

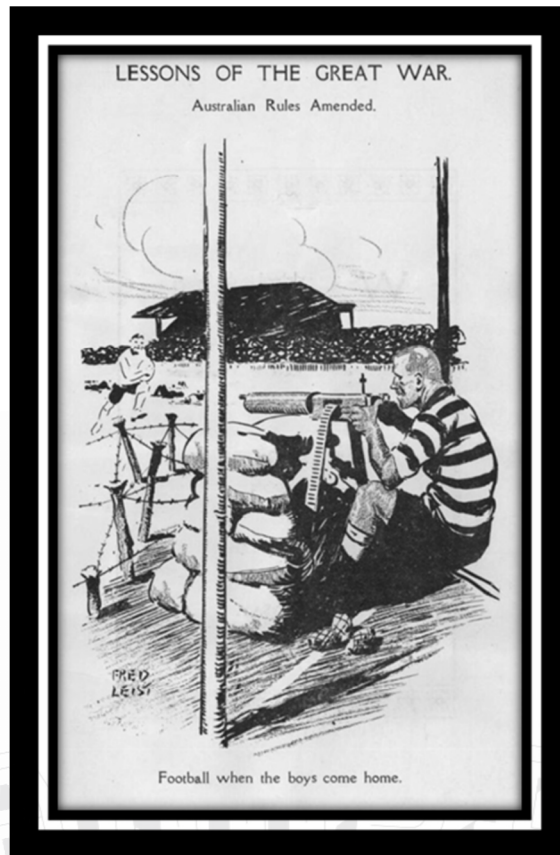
Whilst the VFL considered suspending the season due to the onset of war, the game went ahead and the season commenced on 24 April 1915, with nine teams competing. The 1915 Grand Final went to Carlton, who smashed Collingwood by 33 points in front of a crowd of approximately thirty-nine thousand spectators."

<https://www.awm.gov.au/blog/2015/10/02/footy-front-afl-during-first-world-war/>



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Following the commencement of VFL in 1915, perhaps it was not a coincidence that Parkside Football Club had the most active season in 1915 for the whole duration of the First World War.

"In March 1915, the VFL voted on whether or not to suspend the 1915 season, but voted in favour of playing by 13 votes to four. The season began on 24 April, the day before Australian troops landed at Gallipoli. Attendances were poor throughout the year.

St Kilda changed their club colours because their traditional red, white and black colours were the same as the German Empire. Their new colours of black, red and yellow were chosen as support to Australia's ally Belgium, where a group of St Kilda players were serving.

The 1916 season was heavily affected by the war. Only four clubs, Carlton, Collingwood, Fitzroy and Richmond, competed in the league. The other clubs withdrew from the competition, both out of Australian patriotism and as a result of player shortage. Despite finishing the home and away season in last place, Fitzroy won the Grand Final that year.

Both Geelong and South Melbourne returned to the league in 1917, while St Kilda and Essendon made their comeback in 1918. Melbourne spent the longest time out of the league, missing three seasons before re-joining the VFL in 1919."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australian_rules_football_during_the_World_Wars

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This is how local media covered reduced competition in 1915.

Excerpts from local press, the Footscray Advertiser and Williamstown Chronicle,

"FOOTBALL NOTES

The result of first semi-final played last Saturday:

"Parkside 8 goals, 16 behinds (Jennings, Wattera (2), Weller (2), Friday (2), Hardy (2), Stew and Griffith beat Central Juniors 1 goal, 6 behinds. (Tolitt, Dagon, Sutton, Martin, Mitchell and Smith."

Williamstown Chronicle, 28 Aug 1915, Page 3

"Parkside 2-5 (Connolly, Taylor, Weller, Jennings, Watters, and Pearce) beat Seaside 2-3 (Holmes, Grieves, Bridle, Harrison and Magor.

Today's matches are Parkside v Central Juniors, at Footscray Park."

Advertiser (Footscray, Vic.: 1914 - 1918) Sat 3 July 1915, Page 4

"Williamstown and Footscray District Junior Football Association

All matches for last Saturday were postponed on account of the bad state of the grounds.

Seaside have their strongest team in today and are confident of victory. Parkside tried four new players against the Rovers: Bertram, Pierce, Parr, Taylor and all justified their inclusion.

Fixtures for today are:

Glenwood v Seaside, at Seddon;

Central Juniors v Parkside, at North Williamstown;

Sunshine v Footscray Rovers, at Sunshine"

Advertiser, 29 May 1915, Page 4



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FOOTBALL NOTES

DISTRICT JUNIOR ASSOCIATION

"The final of this Association will take place today on the Williamstown Football Ground between the Seaside and the Central Juniors (minor premiers). Both of these teams. belong to Williamstown. In the presence of about 250 spectators the Seaside (Williamstown) gave battle to the Parkside (Footscray) on the Williamstown ground last Saturday, in the final match of the Junior Association. After a well-fought and highly interesting game the Williamstown team eventually ran out winners by 3 points, the scores being:

Seaside 7 goals, 11 behinds; Parkside 7 goals and 8 behinds.

For the Seaside: Greives, Harrison, Anderson, Ray, Weatherhead, Allen, Smith, Ferrel, and Brett deserve mention for their sterling play. The Parkside best men were Stokes, Taylor, Connolly, Hubble, Pearce and Neckar. Hobson umpired a fast game well."

[Williamstown Chronicle, 11 Sep 1915, Page 3](#)



Due to the specific circumstances, Parkside Football Club experienced turbulent periods in its history while was looking for a permanent home ground.

It seems inconceivable that Footscray Park, which is today classified as a heritage place on the Victorian Heritage Register for its aesthetic, horticultural and social significance to the State of Victoria, was once the municipal garbage tip.

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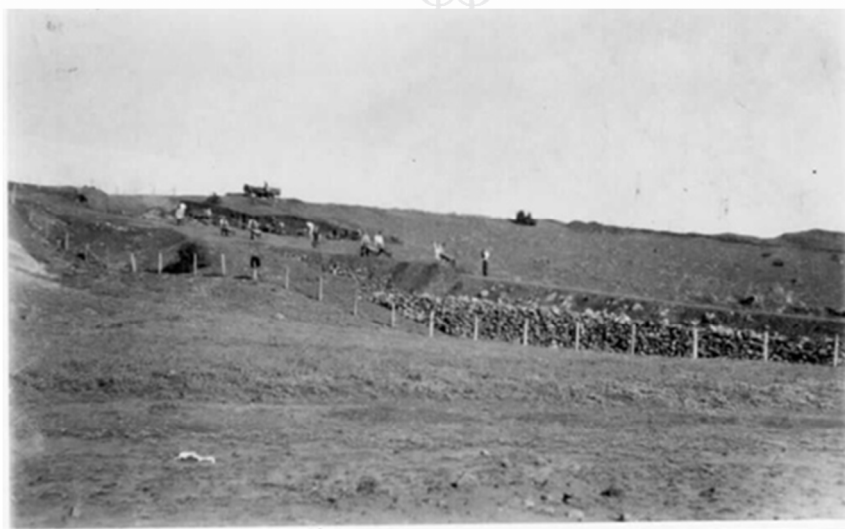
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"Once the haunt of aborigines who fished for eels along a minor creek, this area of swamp land below the Footscray Park was filled with over 500.000 of cubic yards of household refuse when it was the site of the municipal garbage tip 35 years ago and later when hundreds of unemployed men were given work during the depression of 1929 – 1931 converting the big area into playing fields.

Several full size sports ground had resulted-including one used by the Footscray Rugby Union Football Club. In the distance (left) are attractive water lily ponds. The area of the Footscray Park and incorporated playing fields, 72 acres is the largest of the city's park. A Feature is the massing of trees of all description –the botanical collection at this reservation is one of the finest in Australia and includes species found in few other public gardens."

Footscray First 100 Years: The Story Of Great Australian City, The Advertiser in association with Footscray City Council, 1960



Construction and landscaping of Footscray Park, 1920

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- **Sporting Areas in the Park.**

Provision has been made on land belonging to the Victoria Racing Club, and held under permissive occupancy by the council, for two full size arenas and two areas for other games.

The land already in use and directly at the foot of the hillside plantations, convenient to the dressing pavilion with its ornamental rock gardens, has two large arenas. Directly east of the lily ponds on land recently reclaimed, there is room for an additional field, whilst the triangular area abutting the new bridge over the Maribyrnong River, will accommodate a junior club.

- **The "Ammunition Flat" Arenas.**

When completed this large extent of land will accommodate at least six full size arenas. Unfortunately, the area is low-lying and much of it is swampy. Extensive filling and grading operations must be undertaken ere the land can be utilised for sport.

Shade and shelter trees of a suitable type will be planted where necessary, principally along the boundaries and on the hillslopes. This area is ideally placed for the purposes of sport, and in latter years will surely become one of the principal sporting centres of this district.

The acquisition of the land on the lower slopes

Footscray's first 100 years : the story of a great Australian city (1960)

As stated by Pascarl,

"1920 to 1927 (I started with Parkside Football Club in 1921 running the boundary), Parkside Football Club played in Metropolitan competitions winning three premierships defeating South Melbourne in 1921, Port Melbourne in 1924 and St. Kilda in 1927. I think the Coach at that time was Corker Groves and Jack Jones was Captain.

In 1926 or 1927, six Parkside players played in a combined side against a combined side from YMCA. J. Jones, Charlie Howell, Tom Sutherland, N. Vickers, C. Sheldrake and G. Russell were the players. The scores were 19-19-133 to YMCA's 10-20-80 - Tom Sutherland Best on Ground (6 Goals).

I don't know what year the Club left Newell's Paddock ground but about 1923 or 1924, the Club was playing on the ground we now use - Henry Turner Reserve.

We played there for a few years and then had to shift from that ground (all the ammunition flats were being levelled and filled in and eventually became two grounds, our present ground and over the other side of Farnsworth by the Technical Old Boys' Ground."

"Parkside claimed a walk over from Librarians. Parks play Dow Stars at Albert Park this afternoon."

Record, Sat 24 June, 1922, page 2

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Parkside Football Club 1922

The Magpie in the Moonlight

By John Shaw Neilson

Gold he has poured out and silver on this tent of mine:

He leaves in the last of moonlight his song without wine

Sable and snow-white the bird is, and he would define

Love in the leaves to the moon in his song without wine.

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Old is the love in his music, and cool to the ear:

His joy is width of a sorrow, the weigh of a tear.

He fails not: the many loud singers he will outshine:

Death he will take into Love in his song without wine.



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Parkside Football Club - Premiers 1923

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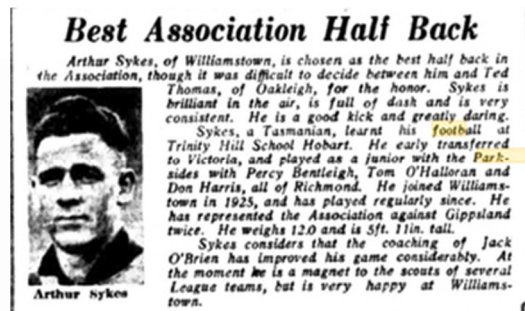
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Back Row: J. Gardiner, ? Ritchie, J. Harwood, H. Jolly, J. Johson, J. Bird

2nd Row: ? Swingler, R. Day, F. Kenny, A. Edwards, T. Jones, V. Stockman, F. Trewartha, J. Winter, E. Neal

3rd Row: D. Johnstone (Coach), W. O'Shanassy, C. Huntigdon, A. Mather (Captain), C. Gathercole (Secretary), G. Edmunds (V. Captain), T. Bird, F. Francis, Mr J. Johnson (President)

Front Row: S. Bleaseby, F. Johnson, T. Wignell



Arthur Sykes

Best Association Half Back

"Arthur Sykes, of Williamstown, is chosen as the best half back in the Association, though it was difficult to decide between him and Ted Thomas of Oakleigh, for the honor. Sykes is brilliant in the air, is full of dash and is very consistent. He is a good kick and greatly daring.

Sykes, a Tasmanian, learnt his football at Trinity Hill School Hobart.

He early transferred to Victoria, and played as a junior with the Park-sides with Percy Bentleigh, Tom O'Halloran and Don Harris, all of Richmond.

He joined Williamstown in 1925, and has played regularly since. He has represented the Association against Gippsland twice.

He weighs 12.0 and is 5ft. 11in. tall. Sykes considers that the coaching of Jack O'Brien has improved his game considerably.

At the moment he is a magneto the scouts of several League teams, but is very happy at Williamstown."

[Sporting Globe \(Melbourne\), 20 Aug 1930, Page 9](#)

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As we understand it from a brief note which was published in 'Independent - Footscray' in 1922, the Footscray Council discussed Parkside's application for use of ground at bottom of Footscray Hill, it remains unclear when the Club got permission to move to the new ground,

"...the Parkside Football Club, applying for use of ground at bottom of Footscray Hill. Held over, From Mr. Turner, hon. secretary Footscray Traders, asking for use of, cricket wicket, Western Reserve, on - March 25 for a, match between Mr. Mitchell's eleven of old identities of the city and the Traders. No objection."



[Footscray Independent, 18 February 1922](#)

Herb Pascarl's memories and anecdotes represent a significant chapter in the history of the Parkside Football Club. His love for the club stayed with him all his life.

Pascarl remembers how, *"From that ground (Schintler reserve) we moved to a ground over the Napier Street Bridge, I think called Schintler reserve. (I believe it is now used for soccer)."*



Schintler Reserve

"After a few years there, Parkside shifted back to what we now know as the Lily Pond area of the Footscray Park, and since then have always played in Footscray Park area except later on after our

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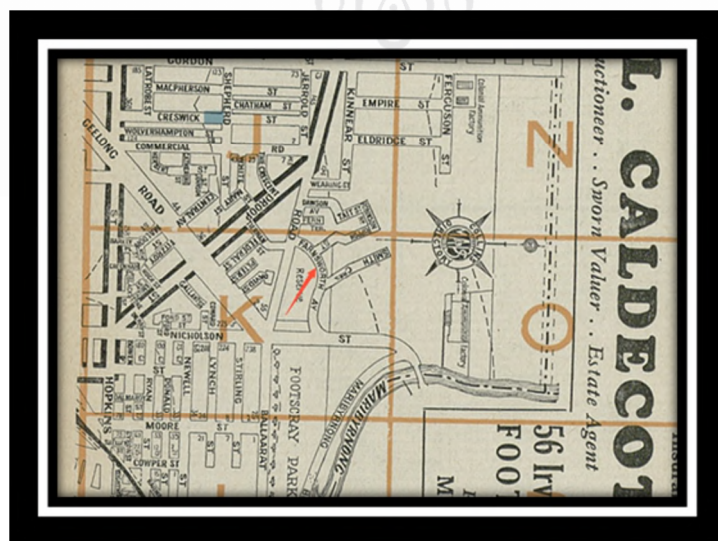
present pavilion was flooded and we shifted to Hobson Reserve ground in Churchill Avenue and Curbin Street, Braybrook.



It was when the Club shifted back to the Lily Pond area that the Club had their first use of club rooms which we share with Footscray Rugby Club.” (H.Pascarl)



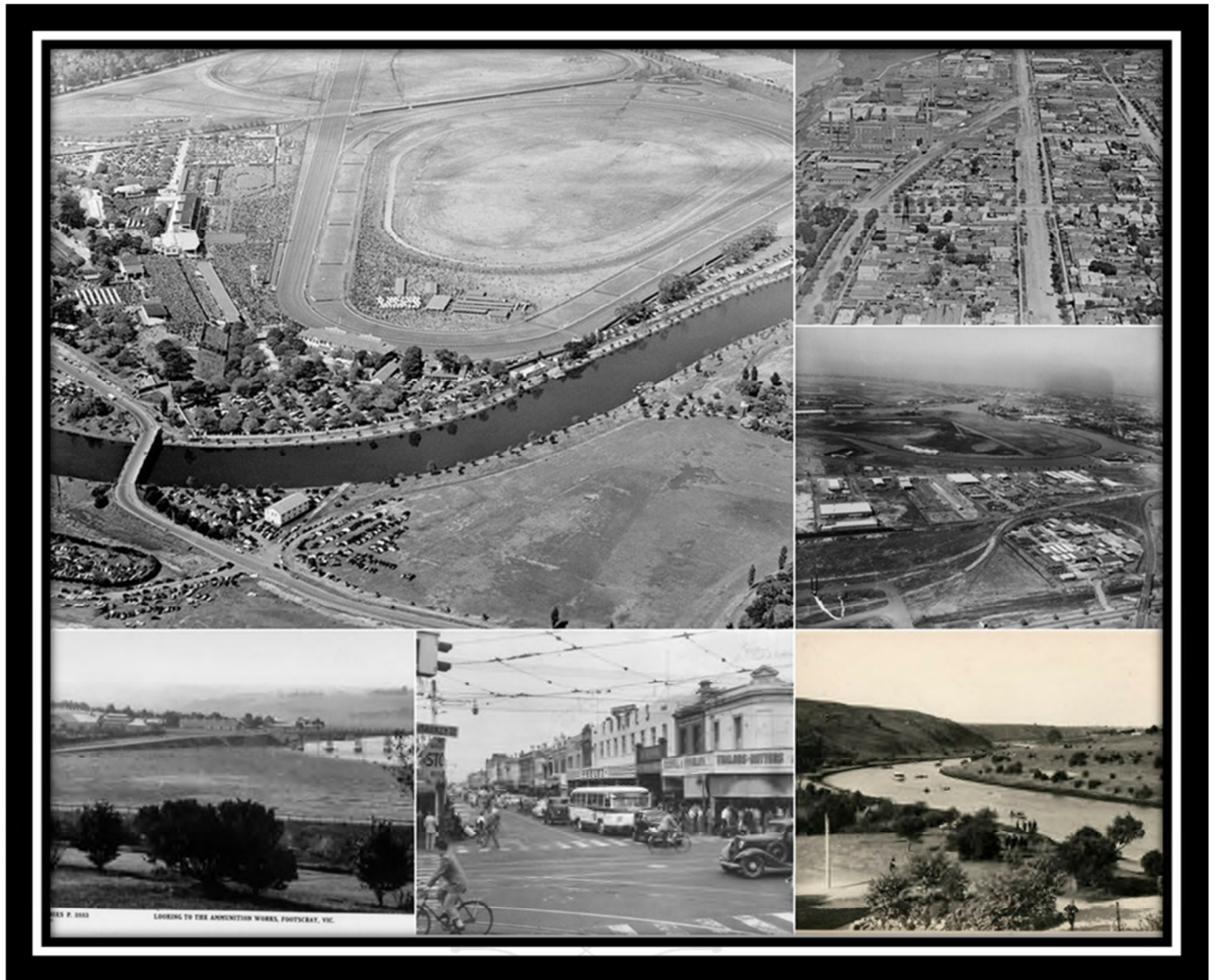
Constructional work at the Henry Turner Memorial Reserve (1946)



1944 [Collins' Melbourne and suburban street directory]

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Marvellous Footscray - The First Half of the 20th Century

Des Carroll's interview with Herb Pascarl for the local Footscray Mail in 1997, reaffirms the notion that from little things big things grow.

Pascarl vividly remembers how he,

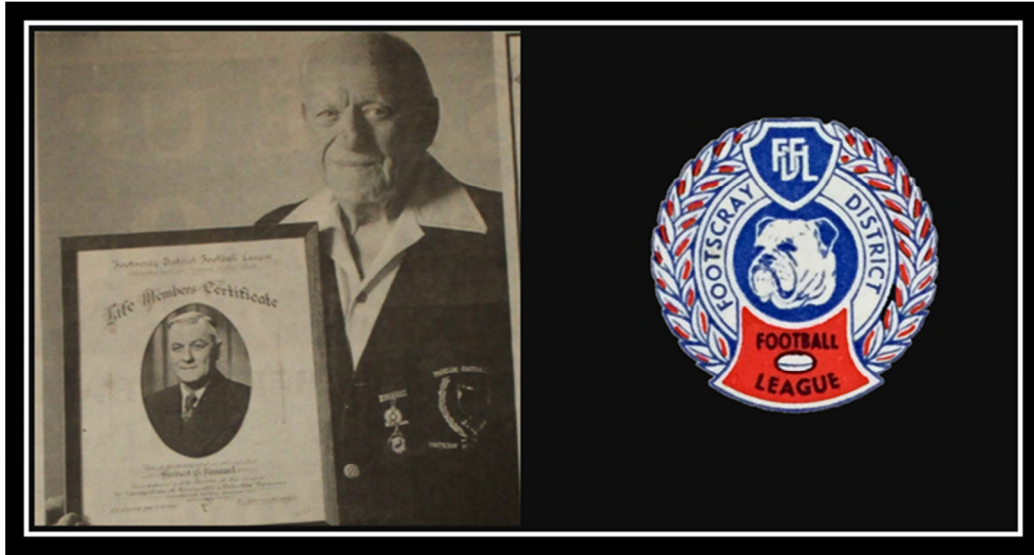
"...got together with four other men towards the end of 1930, (and how) he could not have conceived their discussion would lead to the establishment of the biggest football league in Australia.

The result of their meeting in a barber's shop in Nicholson Street, Footscray, led to the establishment in 1931 of the eight-team Footscray District Football League (FDFL).

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The concept of a competition, centred on the hub of the western suburbs, followed by Mr Pascarl's visit to barber Henry Turner during the 1930 season of a decentralised minor metropolitan league, which were abundant.



Herb E. Pascarl

*As the barber was cutting Mr Pascarl's hair he asked: **"Where are you playing this week?"** To which came the reply:*

"Bloody Kew – and we are all sick of it."

Next time around, Henry told me he was having a meeting that night with three other gentlemen and asked me if I would like to come along.

The gentlemen there where, Ernie Shepherd – later mayor of Footscray, Harry Kemp and Freddie Reid, sports master at Footscray Technical College.

We decided we would try to establish a Footscray-based football competition and each of us was allocated a job. My job was trying to get teams from pubs and clubs in the Footscray district. We originally got eight teams for 1931 season.

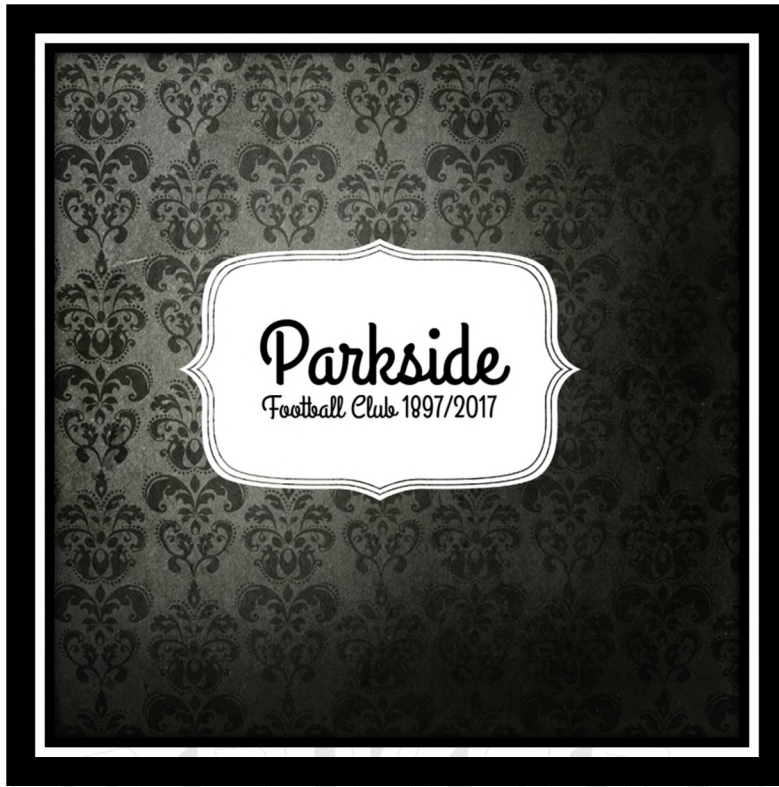
The enthusiasm for those attached to Parkside Football (Club) was such that it had so many players it fielded Parkside A and Parkside B"

Mr Pascarl's time with Parkside Football Club began when, at 14, he "ran the boundary" in 1921. He started playing at 15 in 1922 and remained with Parkside until his retirement around 1949."

Footscray Mail, September 10, 1997

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Kevin Hillier writes in his book, History of the Western Region Football League /Footscray District Football League that,

"The league started in 1931 in inner Footscray with only eight clubs, a far cry from the thirty-seven that now make up the competition.

The geographic boundaries of the League hardly went beyond a drop kick from the middle of Barkly Street. Today, of course, those boundaries extend to Wyndhamvale, St. Albans, Coburg, Brunswick and Port Melbourne.

The original teams in the Footscray District Junior League of 1931 were:

- *Footscray Technical Old Boys*
- *St. John's Church of England*
- *Braybrook*
- *Parkside A*
- *Parkside B*

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- *Footscray Scouts*
- *Yarraville CYMS*
- *Bayview Road Methodists*

Footscray had a reputation as a pretty tough area. It was populated by a lot of Italian immigrants and there was a fair amount of ethnic tension created after the Depression. The combination of the unemployment levels and the use of 'foreigners' in a lot of the labour intensive work created an interesting chemistry in the area.

The Footscray Football Club had entered the VFL in 1925, and one of the original objectives of the newly formed Footscray District Junior Football League (FDJFL) was to provide a basis for recruitment for the Bulldogs in the VFL. Many of us wish that were still the case today.

Parkside had two teams in the debut season of the competition because there were only seven teams. Parkside had more than fifty registered players and with the scenario that only eighteen could play, it opted to make up the second side to even out the competition.

The purists will love the fact that the Grand Final in the first year of the competition was between Parkside and Braybrook; two clubs which have provided many league players, the two clubs whose own history predates the competition. Parkside won by thirty-eight points. [Parkside 11.19.85 – 7.5.47 Braybrook]

The top four that year were: Parkside A, Braybrook, Parkside B, Footscray Scouts."

Hillier, Kevin 2007, History of the WRFL/FDFL, Common Ground, Altona, Vic



Ethel Spowers (1890-1947)

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Parkside Football Club win an historic first FDJFL premiership.

Parkside Brilliant in Premiership Win

"A brilliant exhibition of football in the first three-quarters won the premiership of the district junior league for Parkside "A" at Yarraville on Saturday. Braybrook, who had not played for three weeks, were slow, and some of their men were below form: From the start, Parkside swept forward. After two singles, Dell marked high, and punted first sixer. The Parkside forwards were too good in the air, and their rucks were very strong.

Peart got second goal and W. Herring third, after receiving from Sainsbury. It was all Parkside. Sainsbury marked grandly twice. Herring kicked the next goal out of, the ruck, Braybrook were seldom past the centre line, where the duels were in favour, of Parkside. Although a little over anxious, the Parkside backs were holding their opponents well. A quick thrust by Braybrook, and a single was obtained, followed' by a goal from Munro. With Wishart and W. Herring in the van; Parkside were playing like a machine. Two more goals were added, Braybrook were falling astern, and a great effort produced two goals. A mark in the centre by Stedman sent Parkside forward again. Wishart marked the kick-off twice in succession, flying over the packs. Steedman marked the next. Parkside were forcing all the time. Greig, the Braybrook full-back, was defending grandly and saved many dangerous moves. At half-time Parkside led, 8.10, to 3:3. They had a sound grip off the game.

Braybrook livened up, but could not pace it with the dashing Parksiders, whose first and second rucks held the advantage. Playing finely, Parkside pressed forward, and several minors were kicked. A. Sharp and Peart were tenacious rovers, who battled through till they got the ball away.

The leaders were winning well on one wing and in the centre, and holding the other flank Braybrook showed great improvement in the last term, registering 3.2 for the quarter. Parkside's best were: Wishart, Peart, W. Herring, Conabere, Steedman, Rogers, A. Sharp and L. Herring.

Parkside 11.19(85) d. Braybrook 7.5(47)

Goal kickers for Parkside: W. Herring 4, Wishart 2, Peart 2, O'Shannassy 1, Pascarrl 1 and Dell 1."

Footscray Advertiser, September 1931:



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This is how a heartbroken "Little Mark" describes the first and historic FDFL/WRFL Grand Final in his article for Sunshine Advocate in 1931:



"Braybrook's hopes of adding another premiership to their list were rudely shattered, when on Saturday last after an inglorious display, they went down to Parkside A. by a margin of 34 points.

With vivid recollections of the previous match played between the same teams a fortnight previously a large crowd gathered at the Yarraville Football Ground in hopes that another such display of brilliant football would be witnessed: but to put it mildly, supporters were amazed with the showing put up by the locals, who were completely outclassed, not one man on the side producing anything like form.

Winning the toss Parkside took advantage of a slight breeze and was immediately away bringing up the first goal. Showing plenty of dash and determination the Black and Whites were continually attacking and were playing all over Braybrook, whose backs were continually making the mistake of hanging on to the ball instead of getting in a goal kick. Parkside had added 4 goals before Braybrook broke past the center and gave Munto opportunity to register the first goal. The scores at the quarter time were: Parkside 4-8 Braybrook 1-1.

Still hanging behind their opponents Braybrook were utterly at sea, being beaten in almost every position on the ground.

The back lines were being badly smashed – the first time for the season – and opposing forwards were doing almost as they liked.

When half-time arrived the board read Parkside A, 11-17: Braybrook 5-6

Braybrook endeavouring to stage comeback was first away, and for a while showed glimpses of their true form during which they increased their score by two goals. Although the quarter proved in favour of the locals who added 2 goals and 2 behinds to 2 goals, on the day they were badly beaten and were unable to produce anything like their true form.

The final scores were: Parkside A. 11-19, 85 pts: Braybrook 7-5, 47 pts.

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The winners were a very even side. Those outstanding being: Steadman, Jones, Dell, Herring and Peart."

[Sunshine Advocate \(Vic. : 1924 - 1954\), Friday 11 September 1931, page 4](#)



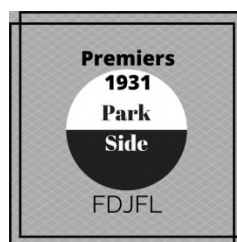
Parkside Football Club – 1931 Premiers

Back Row: W. Grekan, J. McPherson, J. Sharp, L. Herring, D. Rogers, E. Yewers, W. O'Shannessy, J. Fisher, H. Hodson,

3rd Row: J. Ashley, C. Purchase, W. Herring, T. Laffan, J. Wishart, C. Shedrake, J. Sainsbury, F. Cook, E. Worthington, M. Findlay, F. Jones

2nd Row: F. Jenkins, J. Gardiner (V. President), H. Hodson (Secretary), J. Jones (Captain), N. Griffin (President), C. Steadman, J. Grubb, T. Sutherland, E. Shepherd (Coach)

Front Row: A. Sharp, G. Peart, E. Dell, H. Pascarl, B. Sharp, R. Conabere



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FOOTBALL CLUB WITH A HISTORY

Parkside Successful Revival Bring Premiership and "The Advertiser" Shield.

(By "Chaspur")

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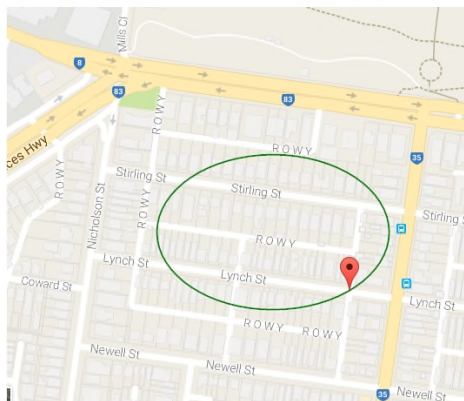
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The winning of the first premiership by Parkside will turn back the years for many old-time football enthusiasts. The deeds of this team, which has become famous in local junior football, date back to the 'nineties.

First Players May Be Grandfathers Now

In the year 1897, a team known as Oblina was disbanded. Re-formed under the presidentship of the late Dr Anderson the team was named after the medico's residence, and the Parkside football team was born. Today, 34 years later, the team has again won the premiership.

The first secretary was "Bill" Bunn and Charlie ("Chilla") Blake was elected captain. Lynch-street and Stirling-street, then a large, open paddock, adjacent to the present Footscray Park, was the area where many hard-fought battles were staged.



The first footy ground where many hard-fought battles were staged.

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From 1899 to, 1901, three years in succession, Parkside were premiers, the competition being discontinued the following year. Some members of this combination were "Bair" Stead, who later played with University, which afterwards became Carlton, "Corker" Groves, who appeared with Footscray and Essendon, Tommy Cairns, McBride, Jimmie Pascarl and W. Trythall, all fine footballers.

Roy Cotton, one of the most familiar old-time footballers to Footscrayites, played with Monas in the same competition.

Success at Cricket

The next record of a Parkside team was at the beginning of the war, when there was a cricket and football team. The cricketers carried off the premiership in the 1914-15 season.

The premiership of the Williamstown and Footscray District Association was the 1915 objective. After winning its way to the four, and a good victory in the semi-final, the team went under by two points to Seasiders, of Williamstown, in the play off. Frank Davidson and "Bill" Considine, who latter played with Footscray and North Melbourne respectively, appeared with the team that year. Tom Jennings also played senior footballs going to the St. Kilda League team. Jack Connelly, now well known in local tennis and Otto Necker, who later won fame as a pedestrian, were star performers.

Several of the team were brilliant runners, Otto Necker taking third place in the Stawell Gift, and Will Stewart, Les Taylor, Jack Connelly and others winning many finals at Gurney's.

Senior Players Turned Out

Some of the players in other teams in the competition, who later rose to senior rank, were Jack O'Brien, Johnny Martin, Wally Fraser and George Thompson (Footscray), Bob Rell (Essendon and Yarraville), J. Walker (Essendon), "Chook" Far McAuliffe and Krygger (Williamstown).

Owing to the intervention of the war and its call on players, the club disbanded in 1916.

After the war, the team was re-organised, matches being played all over the metropolitan area. The 1922 team was undefeated. In 1923 a competition was entered for the first time since the tear period. Under the coachship of Doug Johnstone, who later played full-back for

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Footscray, and captained by A. Mathers, now with Williamstown, the team went, though unbeaten to the premiership.

Others in this team to win selection in senior sides were Tom Jones with Footscray, "Pompo" Kenny, with Williamstown, G. Edments, with Yarraville and Gordon Wishart, with Port Melbourne.

The following year the competition was divided into two sections, the two top teams in each comprising the four. Parkside carried off one section, but went down in the final to Try Boys, of Prahran, winners of the other section:

Winning a place in the four again in 1925, defeat by one point in the semi-final brought that year to a close.

A Team of Champions

The greatest combination placed in the field by Parkside after the war was the 1926 side.

Not a match was lost. The football reached in a very high standard, and many good teams went down before their brilliance. Of the eighteen, no fewer than eleven were promoted to senior company.

These were Wally O'Brien, the Footscray wingman; Bernie O'Brien, now at Carlton; Percy Ellis, the Fitzroy back man; Roy Williams, who went from Footscray to Camberwell.

Tom Sutherland, the tall half-forward tried with Footscray last year; Bert Sharp, with Footscray last year; C. Harry now at Port Melbourne; N. Vickers, who was at Williamstown and Port Melbourne; A. White, Yarraville, and W. Fisher and J. Summers, now playing in the Bendigo League. This smart team gave many delightful displays and had an easy victory in the final.

West Melbourne downed Parkside in the 1927 final after a terrific struggle. The three years following, 1928-29-30, a team was not placed in the field.

A Successful Revival

With the formation of the Footscray Junior League this season, the old name was again revived. Several former players were available, and with a number of younger men making their first appearance in the colors, a formidable team took the field. Two players with years

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of junior experience—Jack Jones any Cyril Steedman—were appointee captain and vice-captain, and their leadership and fighting spirit inspired their team-mates. W. O'Shannessy, the elusive half-forward, the only member of this year's teas who was also in the 1923 and 1926 champion eighteens.

The great all-round ability show this year was demonstrated by the big margins in their favour in most of the games. They have excelled in a phases of the game, the system, high marking and dashing ground work being far ahead of that usually show by a junior team.

Some remarkable scores have been put up, the highest being 186 points to 6 against C.Y.M.S. on the latter's ground. Parkside and Braybrook met in the final match, which Parkside won by 38 points. With the premiership goes a pennant and the right to hold "The Advertise" shield for 12 months.

May Play With Footscray

Consistently good form was shown by several young players, among whom Dell (forward), Conabere (wing), Wishart (follower); W. Herring (Follower and forward), L. Herring (centre), Peart (rover) and Rogers (Half-back) are capable of developing into valuable senior men.

A presentation night, in the form of a smoke night, is to be held, when the pennant, shield and individual trophies will be awarded. It is intended to again enter the team in the Junior League next year."

Footscray Advertiser, October 3, 1931



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Hopkins Street, Footscray, 1924

"Prior to entering the Footscray District Football League in 1932, Parkside's colours were red, white and blue the same as Footscray Football Club, and then for some reason, Riverside Football Club were given red, white and blue and so Parkside colours changed to black and white vertical stripes and that has been their colours ever since.

In 1931, Parkside Football Club had two teams, A and B, because in the season so Parkside entered Parkside B to make up eight teams." (H. Pascal)



Parkside Football Club in "Red, Blue and White" jumpers

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Hillier restates this internal and rather bizarre Parkside's affairs,

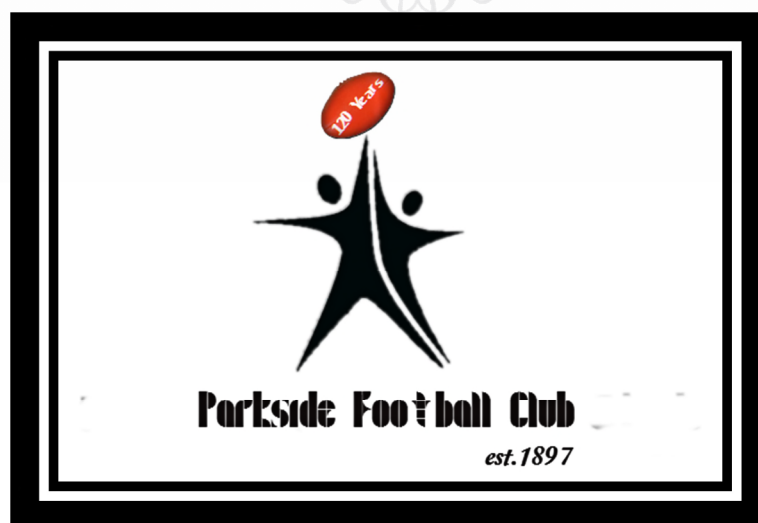
"The following season (1932) saw the second Parkside team change its name to Riverside, at the request of the Parkside vice president Harry Kemp. He asked Parkside to clear enough players to form the new club, and the Riverside Football Club was born.

Much to the chagrin of those at Parkside, Riverside won the flag that year. Riverside also adopted the traditional Parkside colours of red, white and blue, while Parkside changed to the black and white vertical stripes which the players still wear today. That same year St. Johns changed to Paisley; Bayview Road and Braybrook retired from the competition; and into the comp came Yarraville Rovers, West Footscray, Seddon and the Dark Blues, a combination from St. Monica's and St. John's West Footscray.

The dominance of the Parkside Football Club continued into 1933 with another flag; that was after being admitted to the Victorian Sub-Districts League. The club's inability to secure an enclosed ground meant it had to come back to the FDJFL. It won the flag, beating Riverside in a season that saw Altona and North, as well as Newells, join the competition."

In the 1932 grand final, Riverside beat Parkside. The score was:

Riverside 11.15.81 d Parkside 10.12.72



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A version of this article written on *The Sporting Globe* first appeared on *Footscray Advertiser*,
October 3, 1931.



Footscray Watch Juniors Parkside Club Gain Local Honors

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The junior league was sponsored by the Footscray League Club, which drew up the constitution and made its rooms available for meetings. Eight teams took the field this year, and it is intended to increase the number next season. The competition was ably conducted.

The winning of the first premiership by the Parkside team makes football history. The deeds of this team, which has become famous in Footscray junior football date back to the 'nineties.

In 1897 the team was formed under the presidentship of the late Dr Anderson, and named after his residence - "Parkside." The ground was the area at the top of Scotchman's Hill, well known to

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Melbourne Cup enthusiasts. From 1899 to 1901, three years in succession, Parkside were premiers, the competition being discontinued the following year.

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The intervention of the war caused the team to disband in 1916.

Reorganised After War, 1922 Team Undefeated

After the war the team was reorganised, the 1922 team being undefeated. The following year a competition was entered. The side was coached by Doug Johnstone, who later played full-back for Footscray, and captained by A. Mathers, now with Williamstown. They went through undefeated to the premiership. Others in this team to win selection in senior sides were Tom Jones with Footscray, "Pompo" Kenny with Williamstown, G. Edments with Yarraville and G. Wishart with Port Melbourne.

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These were Wally O'Brien, the Footscray wingman; Bernie O'Brien, of Carlton (brothers of Jack, of Essendon, Footscray and Williamstown fame, and Tom, who played on the wing for Port Melbourne shortly after the war); Percy Ellis, the Fitzroy back, Roy Williams, Footscray and Camberwell, Tom Sutherland and Bert Sharp, Footscray; N. Vickers, Williamstown and Port Melbourne; A. White, Yarraville; and W. Fisher and J. Summers, now playing in the Bendigo League.

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Parkside and Braybrook met in the final, the former winning by 38 points. With the premiership go the Footscray Advertiser Shield and a pennant given by Cr. G. Farnsworth, the Footscray League delegate. The consistently good form was shown by some young players, among whom Dell, Conabere, Wishart, L. and W. Herring, Pascarl, Peart and Rogers may develop, into valuable senior players."

Sporting Globe (Melbourne, Vic. : 1922 - 1954) Sat 24 Oct 1931 Page 6-7



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The club celebrated the third consecutive grand final and second premiership flag in September 1933. It was sweet revenge for Parkside after losing the grand final against the Riverside in the previous year. Cynics would call it master versus the apprentice.

Junior League Honors To Parksides

Weight Overwhelms Riversides

"On Saturday last the grand final of the Junior League was played at Werribee, where a large crowd was treated to a fast game. Weight was used unsparingly and this factor eventually won the day for the solid Parkside combination. Much bigger in build, and trained to perfection, they swept the Riversides off their feet in the closing stages to win comfortably.

The Riversides, however, were far from disgraced, their fast and spectacular play during the second quarter and the brilliant effort in the third quarter, left the opposition stranded. During this burst seven goals were added to the Parksides' solitary one.

Final scores were: Parkside, 19-22 (136) to Riverside, 10-10 (70)

Goalkickers: Parkside - Murphy, 8, McKinnon 4, Worthington 2, J. E Sharp, Eason, A. Sharp, Herring, R. Sainsbury.

Best players: Murphy, McKinnon, J. Sharp, Kimpton, L Findlay, Bentley, Coward, R. Sainsbury

Parksides will leave the social club today at 12.15 p.m. for a weekend holiday at Kyneton."

The Mail, September 30, 1933

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FOOTSCRAY JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE GRAND FINAL will be played at CHIRNSIDE PARK, WERRIBEE on SATURDAY NEXT, SEPTEMBER 23 at 3 p.m. Riverside v Parkside (Premiers 1932) (Runners-up 1932) Admission: Adults 7d. (including tax); Children 3d. Cars 6d. extra. A. E. SHEPHERD, Hon. Sec.	FOOTSCRAY DISTRICT LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TO PARKSIDE Weight was not spared, fearless dashes were frequent, and, generally, there was no lack of action in the grand final match played at Chirnside Park last Saturday between the Parkside and Riverside teams to decide the premiership of the Footscray Junior League. Parkside, by kicking 19 goals 22 behinds, in reply to which Riverside scored 10 goals 10 behinds, came out victorious. Goal-kickers.—Parkside: Murphy (8), M'Kinnon (4), Worthington (2), J. Sharp, A. Sharp, Herring and A. Tainsbury. Riverside: Bleazby (4), Menzies (2), Woodman (2), Linton and Spargo.
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J. Sainsbury was the Competition Best and Fairest winner for 1933 Season

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Parkside Football Club - 1933 Premiers

Back Row: H. Hodson, J. Grubb, M. Findlay, W. Herring, W. Crehon, E. Worthington, F. Coward, J. Sharp, P. Sansbury, F. Cook

Third Row: T. Sutherland, N. Otto, C. Gration, W. Doolan (Coach), M. Houson, D. Firth, T. Murphy, R. Ward

Second Row: R. Hodson, H. Pascarl, J. Gordiner, J. Sharp (Captain), N. Griffin (President), B. Kimpton, W. Sharp, D. McCormack

Front Row: J. Bentley, L. O'Toole, V. Edson, J. Sainsbury, M. Harley, L. McKinnon



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"The name O'Brien is well-known in Footscray and the fact that three brothers in Bernie, Wally and Jack have worn the uniform helps to keep the memory green. This week we will deal with Bernie, clever rover and forward, who has been a bit of a rolling stone, but one that, will always roll back to his home town. Bernie was born on May 14, 1910 and attended St. Monica's with his brothers. One of their team-mates was Alan La Fontaine. Leaving school Bernie played with Parkside and then had a season with Kingsville, playing with Alby Morrison."

Sporting Globe (Melbourne), Sat 1 Sep 1934, Page 7

In 1934, Parkside played its fourth grand final in four years.

"The 1934 season saw Parkside setting out to clinch permanent possession of The Advertiser Shield, and as the season progressed, West Footscray appeared to be the only team standing in their way. The first engagement provided a drawn game, with Parkside 13.17 to West Footscray's 15.5, and the next was won by West Footscray, with the scores: West Footscray, 9.15 (69 points) ; Parkside, 6.16 (52 points). In the semifinal, Parkside were heartened by defeating West Footscray by 15.10 - to 14.11, but in the grand final West won by 9 points — '9.10 to 8.7— and gained possession of the' shield. Big scores were again a feature, Parkside reaching 20 goals or more on eight occasions, and their highest was 41.26 to Scouts' 1.3.

Leading goalkickers were: T. Murphy, 94 ; T. Eason, 48; A. E. Sharp, 43; Housen, 29

The Advertiser, Footscray, November 14, 1936

Pascarl points out that,

"In 1934, after four games, Riverside Football Club disbanded, so in 1935, Parkside Football Club withdrew Parkside B Team and instead helped start Newell's Football Club. This team only lasted a few years and then disbanded. [1933 - 1938]

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By 1938, the Footscray District Football League had ten teams and Parkside Football Club never had the number of registered players that they had in the first four or five years in the Footscray District Football League. So they weren't as dominant as they had been and also other clubs in the League became more efficient.

I overlooked a match played in 1931 when a combined Footscray District Football League side played Footscray Football Club 2nd. 18. Parkside had five players in that combined side, namely C. Stendman (Captain), Bert Sharp, Jack Sainsbury, Bill O'Shannessy and Cyril Gration. Footscray 2nd. 18 won by one point. Footscray 2nd. 18 scored 10-11-71 to FDFL's 9-16-70. Cyril Gration Best on Ground."



Similarly, Kevin Hiller remarks that,

"1934 was a year of upheaval with two sides, Riverside & Footscray Presbyterians withdrawing from the A Grade competition early in the season, forcing a redraw for the remaining six teams. The ten team B Grade introduced many new clubs including Victor Socials, Sunshine Methodists and North Footscray Imperials.

West Footscray won the A Grade flag and Newells the B Grade.

Most clubs were a product of local community groups, church groups or workplaces. In 1935, one of the most influential employers of the western suburbs joined the league with the formation of the ICI team from Deer Park.

1935 saw Newport, Spotswood and Williamstown Districts apply to join the league from the VFA sub-districts, but they were refused. The three clubs officially disbanded. The FDFL did accept new clubs into the competition in Newport United and Spotswood Citizens.

They played on the grounds vacated by the disbanded clubs.

Clip Springers Football club, which was representing a commercial enterprise in Braybrook, applied to join B Grade but was denied entry. St. Johns disbanded and Sunshine Methodists did not field a team. Footscray Rovers became Seddon and for the first time, but not the last, the league changed its name to the Footscray District Football League (FDFL).

1936 saw the introduction of an Under18 competition with five clubs fielding teams; the North Footscray Imperials won the flag and went undefeated for the season. Two new clubs joined, in Kingsville and Footscray Tech Old Boys."

Hillier, Kevin 2007, History of the WRFL/FDFL, Common Ground, Altona, Vic

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A New Rivalry Is Born

New addition to the League, I.C.I. (Deer Park) proved to be a strong team.

Sunshine Advocate has recorded the first game between Parkside and Deer Park (I.C.I)

I.C.I. v. PARKSIDE

"These teams met for the first time on Saturday last, and despite the fact that I.C.I. were without their two stars, Greig and Glen, they put up a good game against the leaders in the league. Parkside were also weakened by the absence of one or two players, but they are a well organised side with many years' experience of playing together. Taking everything into consideration the first season I.C.I. side are to be congratulated, in running such a strong team to 13 points."

Parkside 7.13.55 d. I.C.I. 6.6.42 (Deer Park)

Sunshine Advocate (Vic. : 1924 - 1954) 14 Jun 1935



I.C.I. (Orica) Deer Park in Melbourne's west has been used since 1885 for various forms of manufacturing and storage of chemicals.

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'Allrounder', the reporter for Sunshine Advocate wrote in 1936 that,

DEER PARK'S SECOND REVERSE AT HANDS OF PARKSIDE

"Deer Park and Parkside, both at the head of the list, met in the match of the day in the Footscray District League last Saturday at Parkside. The ground was in a very muddy condition, and the weather didn't look too promising when play started.

Deer Park attacked on the bounce and soon had two goals up. Parkside, after some scrambling play on the forward line, opened their account with a goal. Deer Park kept up the pressure but could only manage singles. Three quick thrusts by the home side found the opposing defenders out of position, and Parkside went ahead. Quarter time arrived with a two-goal margin in favor of the Parkside.

The second quarter was a dingdong go between the home defenders and the opposing forwards. Deer Park were doing everything but kick goals. This fault seems to be the biggest one that the Blue and Golds have to overcome if they are going to win the premiership.

However, despite this handicap Deer Park managed to reduce their deficit to eight points by half-time. The third quarter was a repetition of the second, with Parkside fighting grimly to hold their slender lead. Deer Park's faulty kicking was costly this quarter, as they could only manage three goals from nine shots, whereas Parkside put on five goals straight. Rain began to fall and the game developed into a mud scramble. Three-quarter time found Deer Park still eight points behind. Deer Park attacked desperately on the bounce, but through their inability to handle the greasy ball lost countless opportunities on their forward line. Parkside, on the other hand, adapted themselves better to the conditions and managed to fire on three more goals, and ran out winners of a very interesting game by 23 points. Final scores were:

PARKSIDE: 19.8. DEER PARK: 14.15."

Sunshine Advocate, 31 July 1936



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The new Footscray Town Hall and Good Old Parkside

"The civic complex was Footscray's first substantial public building, and the site chosen, near the main railway station and in the most prestigious street, confirmed Napier and Hyde streets as the civic and commercial centre. A grand clock tower and reception hall included in Kelly's original drawings for the building were never constructed.

In celebration of Footscray's achievement of city status in 1891, Mayor James Cuming presented a stone drinking fountain and horse trough as a gift to the people of Footscray. It was crafted by local monumental mason, James Taylor & Sons, and stood in Napier Street, in front of the old town hall.

History of Place:

Footscray's first town hall served admirably for sixty years. In August 1935 the Footscray City Council passed a resolution approving the final plans and specifications for a new complex of municipal offices.



Laying of Foundation Stone - Footscray Town Hall (1936)

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Occupying the site of the old civic buildings, the new brick structure presented the latest thought in municipal office planning, and its progressive design symbolised the faith of the Footscray people in the future of their municipality. Footscray was the Birmingham of Australia, with the largest revenue of any city in Victoria, excepting the City of Melbourne itself, and the new town hall would establish Footscray's claim to leadership of Melbourne's Western Suburban Districts. Things were indeed looking up for Footscray; the economic outlook was brightening, and the council was about to restore salaries and wages to predepression levels.

The foundation stone for the new building was laid by Mayor, Councillor W. H. Anderson, J.P., on 22 February 1936. Later in the year, on 19 November the Governor, Lord Huntingfield and his wife came to open the new £40,000 town hall in front of 5000 people.

Compared to the new edifice the former civic building was sombre, its bluestone staid and grey, and its entrance small and unimpressive. In its place, architect, Joseph Plottel had designed an imposing Romanesque structure of grand civic proportions. Historian, John Lack aptly captures the

mood of the new architecture: Designed for a community emerging from a depression, Plottell's Town Hall amalgamated the suburban cinema with the moderne office block, and merged the Hollywood Mediaeval of Errol Flynn's Adventures of Robin Hood with the suave interiors of Fred Astaire's Top Hat."

<http://vhd.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/places/4926/download-report>

At the same time, Parkside Football Club continues to build on it's reputation as one of the best junior clubs in the west.

FOOTSCRAY DISTRICT LEAGUE

PRELIMINARY FINAL AT SUNSHINE TO-MORROW

"To-day the preliminary final of the Footscray District League will be played at Selwyn Park, commencing at 2.45 p.m.

This game will be contested by West Footscray and Spotswood Citizens, and as the winners will qualified to meet the Parkside combination in the grand final on the same ground on September 26, nothing will be given away by either side. The teams are old opponents and have staged some wonderful games during the past two years.

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West Footscray have always been in the forefront of the League competition and have been successful in annexing "The Advertiser" Shield on two occasions, and success this year would mean that the trophy would be taken by the club for all time.

Spotswood have only been playing, in the district for two seasons, having reformed after the former Spotswood club had withdrawn from the Association Sub-Districts. When in that competition the club won they premiership on one occasion, and at all times contested the finals. Last Saturday Spotswood were capable of defeating the strong Deer Park side by a large margin, and in doing so produced their best form for the season. The form displayed was equal to that of 1935, when they finished in the runners-up position to West Footscray, who defeated them in the grand final.

Charlie Walsh, who captained South Ballarat in the Ballarat League last year, has been coaching the Citizens and has gradually moulded the team into a fine combination.

At present all players are available after an unusually large crop of injuries, and the strongest side will be fielded to-day.

Although only finishing in fourth position the Green and Golds are confident of winning this game and going on to meet and defeat the accomplished Parkside team on the following Saturday.

West Footscray have not shown the form, that won for them the honours last year, but this side rarely produce the best football until the final rounds. Tom Waye is the club's mentor, and under his guidance will take beating against all comers, even though it was tossed by the Parks last Saturday.

Selwyn Park should suit their breezy style of play, which is dependent on plenty of operating space. The broad wings should suit them, and after the run on the large Footscray ground last Saturday all members should be in great condition. West are determined to take the shield this year and are not taking any risks with Parkside.

Parkside also share the distinction of having won the shield on two occasions, and West realise that their victories will be wiped out should the shield be won by any other club. Their aim is to make short work of Spotswood and with the benefit of that run repeat the performance when they meet Parkside.

The District League has been put to a good deal of extra expenses in having to transfer the game to the Selwyn Park ground, owing to the Footscray ovals being top-dressed, and would appreciate the support of all local enthusiasts, who can expect a game of thrills from start to finish.

As the loser will be relegated from the race for the premiership both teams can be expected to contest every inch of the way, which should provide interesting fare for onlookers.

Admission will be 7d. for adults and 3d. for children."

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 18 Sep 1936 Page 2

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The local football fans waited with great anticipations the 1936 Grand Final between Parkside and Spotswood. Sunshine Advocate brought this introduction to 1936 Grand Final.

Footscray District League

PREMIERSHIP TO-DAY AT SELWYN PARK

"The premiership of the A Grade of the Footscray District League will be decided to-day at Selwyn Park, where Parkside will be opposed to Spotswood Citizens in what should be a game full of classy football and sustained action. Both these clubs are capable of producing all the best to be seen in the National code and a large crowd should be attracted to witness this final clash. During the season these sides met twice in the home and home series and with one win each the honors are easy.

Parkside need little introduction to local football enthusiasts, having been a bye-Word in district football for years.

Several of the players of this club have appeared in Sunshine colors, the more recent transfers to the black and white combination being Tom Laffan. Tom has been the backbone of the Parkside since he joined. Johnnie McMillan has also given sterling service since donning the black and white uniform and should acquit himself with credit in this last game. The Parks have had a most successful year, being defeated only on two occasions.

On the first day of the season Newells managed to overthrow this strong team, and the only other loss was sustained at the hands of Spotswood, to whom they will be opposed to-day.

During the six years of the league's existence Parkside have won the premiership on two occasions, runners-up twice, and were squeezed into third position by Spotswood last year. If successful to-day the club will retain the "Advertiser" Shield for all time, and if the enthusiasm imparted into their training in the last weeks count for anything no stone will be left unturned to achieve that object.

Spotswood have been a strong side for years, and since joining the Footscray District League last year have performed with great credit. Last season they headed the list at the end of the first round and were only beaten into second place on the grand final by West Footscray.



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This year, owing to injuries and transfer of players to the country a search of work, the old club' had lean period in the early stages, and it seemed doubtful if they would make the four. Keen organisation and team building, however, managed to rectify this matter to allow them to enter the finals. In the semi-final they ran the strong Deer Park side off their feet and won easily, giving them the right to meet West Footscray at Selwyn Park last week. In that game they proved too fit and enterprising for the premiers of last year and had no trouble to win in the closing stages, even though they had to kick into a strong breeze and are at that end where no points had been recorded for the first three quarters.

Their fitness should stand them in road stead to-morrow, and Parksides will find this side full of running and serious contenders for the premiership. Both teams are evenly matched as regards height and weight, but Spotswood seems to be more evenly balanced than their opponents. The pace of their smaller men may be a deciding factor in what should be a close game, and spectators are certain to see plenty of thrills and spills for their money.

Admission is 7d. for adults and 3d. for children.

Officials: Goal umpires: Bishop (Baptist), Robins (6th Melbourne Scouts); boundary: McKay (West Footscray) and Walters (Altona). Reserves: Goal: Rosser (Newport); Boundary: Marshall (Captist)."

Sunshine Advocate, 25 September 1936

Parkside has demonstrated again, dominance over the Spotswood, winning by the six goals margin. It was 3rd Premiership flag for the Parkside Football Club in the six years old competition.

Parkside Third Pennant In District League

"By decisively defeating Spotswood Citizens in the grand final on Saturday, the redoubtable Parkside combination have won the premiership of the A grade for the third time since the inception of the League. The club will hold the shield for all time.

No follower of junior football will begrudge Parkside their splendid victory, the management and general play of this club being of high standard at all times and a model of efficiency.

Spotswood again take the runner-up trophy and in view of the lean season experienced by this club compared with that of last year its effort in reaching the second position after only squeezing into the four was full of merit. Unfortunately splendid football produced to enable them to contest the

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final could not be repeated in the vital game and this club's players and supporters are lavish in their praise of the high standard of football displayed by the victors.

Owing to the match having to be played at Sunshine, which was the nearest enclosed ground available, many interested followers of the League were unable to be present. The interest created in Sunshine and district compensated to some extent for the inconvenience.

The windy conditions made the ball hard to judge and were responsible for most of the play being confined to one side of the ground. The enterprise of both sides was the main reason for the play assuming anything near final standard, but Parkside's steadiness and ability to make the play were the means of gradually wearing down the opposition.

Winning the toss, Spotswood had no hesitation in taking the advantage of the strong breeze and was soon to the attack, with Parkside packing the back lines to prevent any high scoring. Spotswood scored 3.2 to 0.7.

Parkside were all action in the second term and although Spotswood played better against the wind the black and white combination soon made up their leeway and took the lead. Continuing their run, they outplayed Spotswood and added goal after goal. Spotswood's back line fought out the issue, but could not stem the tide.

At the interval Parkside had a commanding lead, 6.4 to 3.2.

It was anticipated that Spotswood would make a do or die effort in the third term with the help of the breeze, but soon after it was apparent that their dash was lacking and the premiership would rest with Parkside unless something unexpected happened.

Continuing in great form they took charge of the game and while keeping Spotswood down to 9 points increased their own total by another 4 goals.

Several Spotswood players were below form, but those on their game never gave hope. Parkside's team work at this stage was a revelation. Good shepherding and hard bumping paved the way for the smaller men, in contrast Spotswood were sadly astray, definitely not in keeping with their usual good team work.

The position at the final change was Parkside 10.5 to 4.5,

The losers were hard at it, even though Parkside could not be defeated, and managed to score a point than the black and white conquerors in this term. Bill Doolan kept his men at it right up to the final bell, but if anything Spotswood took the honors of the last quarter.

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The large contingent of Parkside supporters let themselves go and gave their side a great hand as the players left the field with the board reading

Parkside 11.8 to 5.8.

Goal kickers: Parkside A: Hurwood 3, Eason 2, Murphy 2, Herring, Johnson 2, And McMillan. Best players, Parkside: McKinnon, W. Crehan, Murphy, Bentley, Eason, Johnstone."

The Mail, October 3, 1936, page 14



Parkside Football Club – 1936 Premiers

Parkside's player, Tom Laffan had an additional reason to celebrate the 1936 season, winning the FOOTSCRAY LEAGUE BEST AND FAIREST award.



Tom Laffan

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"By winning the grand final against Spotswood, Parkside secured the pennant, shield and premiership prize, gained almost a monopoly of the A grade trophies. In addition to those already mentioned, the League award for the first and second best and fairest player went to Tom Laffan and "Midgy" Johnson respectively. Rob Sainsbury, by his winning of the most outstanding player's prize, made the clean-up complete."

The Mail, October 3, 1936

1936 Premiers became the first winners of "Advertiser's" Premiership Shield for all time!



Footscray District Trophies

"Every endeavour should be made to extend the Australian football code to other countries, said the speakers at the annual smoke social of the Footscray District League last night.

It was reported that 29 clubs were affiliated with the league in three grades, and there were 1 158 registered players.

Mr. R. T. Rush president of the National Football Council congratulated the Footscray League upon its progress.

Presentations were made as follow:

Premiership Trophies - A Grade – Advertiser Shield - Parkside

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Minor Premiership Trophies – A Grade – N. Griffen Cup - Parkside

Best and fairest players trophies were awarded to A grade S. C. Thomas medal T. Laffan (Parkside)"

The Argus, Melbourne, Fri 30 Oct 1936, page 18

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Bill Doolan proved to be one of the most successful Parkside coaches.

"DURING his four years as coach of the Parksides, Bill Doolan, the former Footscray star, has gained wonderful results. His team has won the premiership twice, as well as finishing in second and third places on the other occasions. With his pleasing manner, Bill is popular with the Parksides, who are fully appreciative of his services. One of them, Jim Gardner, is proud of the fact that it was he who first induced the ex-League and Association man to come to them. Bill has not only given yeoman service to the club as coach, but, in addition, has been more than useful in aiding injured players to recover, as was instanced by his treatment to Rob Sainsbury and Harold Tomlins. He is said to be contemplating retirement this season, but I have no doubt that before he is allowed to do so, strenuous efforts will be made by the Black and Whites to retain his services."

The Mail, Saturday, October 2, 1936



William Doolan known as Bill Doolan (1895 – 1963)



"A back pocket player for Footscray during that club's last few years in the VFA and its first five in the VFL, Bill Doolan could always be relied upon to give a solid, imperturbable account of himself. Excellent overhead, he was an acknowledged master of the saving mark, and also repelled many opposition attacking thrusts with his fine judgement and determination to win the ball. He was in the back pocket in the Tricolours' 1923-4 VFA premiership teams as well as the 1924 state premiership victory over Essendon. In 1925, Footscray's debut season in the 'big time', he was one of the club's first two VFL interstate representative players. "

<http://australianfootball.com/players/player/bill+doolan/4292>

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Parkside's dominance in the Footscray District League has continued into the 1937 season.

"On Saturday last, at Newport, the locals were opposed to Parkside, and met defeat for the second time of the season. This defeat places Newport in third position below Spotswood and Parkside. Never at any time during the first half did Newport look like a winning side; in fact this period of the game was the worst exhibition of football the local team has ever given. Perhaps the absence of two very good players from the back line may have had something to do with the situation, but nevertheless it is safe to say that the team without any exception, was far below form In that devastating, first half, which ended with the scores at 66 points to 12 points in the visitors favour.

A glance at the final scores will show that the spectators were treated to something like football they have been used to, in the second half when Newport really had the call over their opponents, more particularly in the final term when they kicked five goals to two.

Final scores: Parkside: 15-19-109; Newport: 8-15-53."

Williamstown Chronicle, Sat 26 Jun 1937

SPOTSWOOD v. PARKSIDES

"With both sides' displaying rugged and determined tactics, fortunes fluctuated in accordance with the strong wind that swept across the ground; Parksides' greater purpose in attack and steadiness in defence gave that side constant advantage over the more individual efforts of Spotswood. The second half saw Spotswood attacking repeatedly, but was repelled by great defence by Parksides. Players of both sides were frequently puzzled by the umpire's decisions. Parksides gained a hard-earnt victory by 11 points. "

Final scores: Parksides: 12 gls. 20 bhds. (92 pts). Spotswood: 11 gls. 15 bhds. (81 pts.).

Williamstown Chronicle, Sat 24 July, 1937

"Up till half-time the Districts had given a good exhibition against the tall Parksides team, but for, the good kicking of the leading forwards and the erratic kicking of 'Town's-sharpshooters the scores of 9-3 to 4-3 could easily have 'been in 'Town's favour. After the second change the shortage of tall men were causing 'Town's downfall, Parksides consistently keeping the ball high, where T. Ward and A. McTaggart were the most effective on the ground. Two more players of-the ability of these chaps and 'Town would be making the opposition play hard.

Final scores: Parksides, 29-26; Districts, 6-16.

Williamstown Chronicle, Sat 7 August, 1937

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Footscray District League – 1937 semi-final

Spotswood Citizens v. Parksides

*“Spotswood Citizens met Parksides at Yarraville. Half-time scores: Parkside, 4-10; Spotswood, 0-11. In the final term Parksides finished well and ran out easy winners, with **Parkside, 11-19; Spotswood, 2-20.**”*

Williamstown Chronicle, Sat 4 Septembert, 1937

I.C.I. v. PARKSIDE

“Last Saturday ended the first round, when I.C.I. were home to the leaders, Parkside. I.C.I. kicked with a strong wind, but took some time to settle down. At quarter time they led 4.4 to nil. This was the first time for five years that Parkside had failed to score in one quarter. ‘At half-time I.C.I. were down only 13 points, the scores being 4.5 to 6.6. The game was being played very hard and the leaders were hard pressed to keep I.C.I. out. At three-quarter time I.C.I. had again passed the

Parkside score and were 13 points in front. The last quarter was thrilling. For most of the quarter Parkside could not break through, but near the end two goals were scored to give them the lead. Just before the bell I.C.I. had a chance to score, but missed, and Parkside finished winners by 10.1: to 8.12, after a great game.”

Sunshine Advocate, 27 Aug 1937

“I.C.I. (Deer Park) earned a place in the Grand Final by beating Newport in the first semi-final and Spotswood in the second semi-final.

“I.C.I. have now won the right to meet Parksides for the premiership next Saturday at Footscray. A large following of supporters is assured, and the boys are very confident of winning their first premiership pennant. The players' bus will leave Sunshine at 1.40 p.m., and the supporters' bus leaves Deer Park at 2 p.m. and Sunshine at 2.15. Players and officials are looking forward to the trip to Maryborough on Saturday week.”

Sunshine Advocate, 3 September 1937

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Parkside's fourth premiership came in September 1937.

Prksides Defeat I.C.I. In Premiership Match

"Exhibiting considerably more vigour than the I.C.I. football team, Parksides gained their second consecutive premiership at the Footscray football ground on Saturday. The locals put up a game fight until half-time, but later on they wilted under the pressure and Parksides went on to win rather easily."

Sunshine Advocate, 17 September 1937

The 1937 Grand Final score: **Parkside 15.11.101 d Deer Park 8.13.61**

Parksides' Premiership

"Last Saturday Parksides again annexed the premiership in the A. grade after a grilling game. Parksides gave a wonderful display of football to win by 40 pts."

Best were: Sharp, R. Hobba, Cheeseman, Herring, Ward.

Last Wednesday at the players night the following trophies were decided:

- Best and fairest, C. Gration, donated by Mr. N. Griffin ;
- 2nd best and fairest, A. E. Sharp, donated by F. Jones ;
- most serviceable, T. Eason, (C. Curtain) ;
- most consistent, J. Johnson (W. Dreyer);
- best club man R. Ward (P. Kelly),
- most improved, V. Crehan (F. D. P. Miller)
- most unselfish, L. Cheeseman (D. Rogers)
- most enthusiastic, E. Armstrong (W. O'Brien).

A trip to Alexandra on September 26 and a dance in the Masonic Hall next Monday will be premiership celebrations."

The Mail, September 19, 1937

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In 1938, Parkside have failed to win a premiership and instead, the local community celebrated the official opening of the Footscray Clinic.

Despite the common belief that, *"Many years ago people didn't think that sports-related injuries were severe enough to warrant any treatment and probably soldiered on in their daily lives seriously limited in what they could do without thinking they needed it treated"*, the health care in our local community is a role of immense importance.

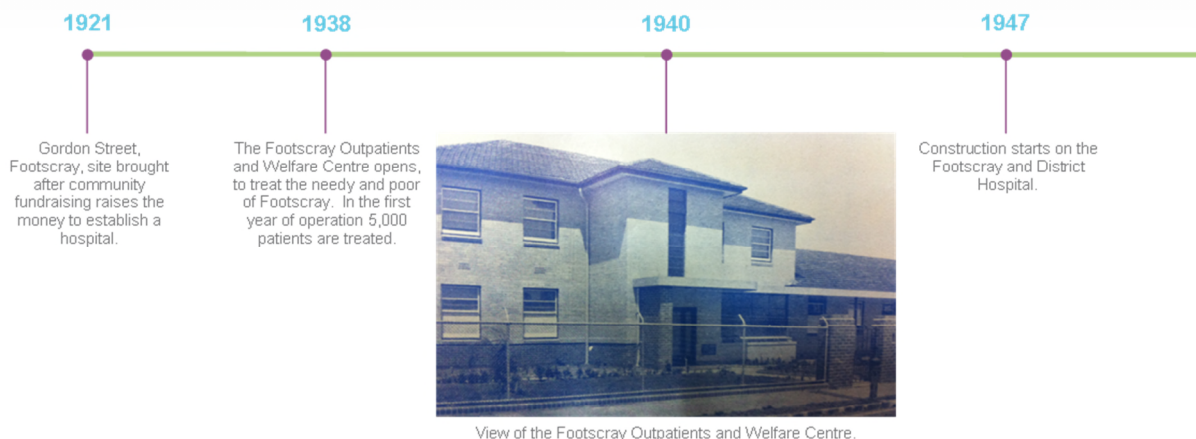
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Footscray Clinic

"The Clinic Footscray was founded in 1936 by Dr Guthridge and Dr Dodd and it is the oldest Group General Practice in Victoria. It began as a General Practice partnership but has included, in the past, Radiological service, General Surgery, Paediatric and Obstetric and Gynaecological and Specialist Physician practice. It has long served the people of the inner urban suburb of Footscray as a comprehensive family medical practice and also treated work related injuries."

<http://www.clinicfootscray.com.au/index.php?custID=36>



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Official Opening of Footscray Clinic

LOCAL SCOUTS TO PARADE FOR GOVERNOR

"Owing to the 32nd Battalion being unable to parade for the Guard of Honor at the opening ceremony of the Footscray and District Outpatients and Welfare Centre on Saturday next, 17th December, District Commissioner (Mr. George Cumming) has been commanded by His Excellency the Governor of Victoria (who is Chief Scout of this State), to parade the Footscray and Sunshine troops on the above date: The Scouts will therefore form the Guard of Honor and be in the command of Group Scoutmaster of the 5th Footscray Troop (Mr. Ralph Scchutt). As Lord Huntingfield is an ardent admirer of the Boy Scout Movement this muster as a Guard of Honor should prove both impressive and instructive, and add to the dignity of the occasion. The Footscray City Band, has also promised its support and will play selections during the afternoon. Although the Band, has had many demands made upon it recently they willingly offered their services for this function. The Secretary-Manager desires to acknowledge the donation of the following goods for use at the Centre:

Colonial Sugar Refining Co., bag of sugar;

Heparidine Distributors. Pty. Ltd., parcel of goods;

Ramsay (Surgical) Pty. Ltd., instruments;

Footscray . Division. of St. John's Ambulance will be in attendance during the afternoon to render any assistance necessary."

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 9 Dec, 1938, Page 4

Parkside Football Club continued to show strength in an ever increasing competitive FDF League throughout whole 1938 season.

I.C.I. (DEER PARK) v. PARKSIDE

"This match, which was looked forward to with keen interest by supporters of both sides, took place last Saturday at Footscray Park. Spectators were not disappointed, as a fast and clean game resulted. From the bounce both teams were flat out to get a break, but with the respective backlines doing a good job it was not until half the quarter had gone that either side could gain an advantage. Parkside were gaining an ascendancy in the ruck, and it was owing mainly to this that they were able to finish the first quarter six points in front. The second quarter was a repetition of the first, and with the ball flashing from end to end with good systematic football the spectators were kept on their toes with excitement. Deer Park could only manage to gain a point on the Parkside score during this quarter, and the long interval arrived with the black and whites holding a five point lead -a good indication of the play.

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When the third quarter opened the visitors were first away, and using the straight-down-the-centre method of attack soon had Parkside on the defensive. Two quick goals gave I.C.I. the lead for the first time. Having gained this leads they were determined to hold it, and although Parks threw everything they had into the fray they could only manage to get within seven points at the end of the quarter.

The last term promised to be a thriller, and with both sides striving desperately for the goal that would make all the difference between victory and defeat, the large crowd was in a roar of excitement. Parkside managed to creep up to within two points, but I.C.I. remained calm in the crisis, and that was as near as Parkside could get. A goal to Deer Park and the game was all over, Parkside failing by just six points. It had been a great game to watch, and everybody went away satisfied that barring accidents Deer Park should gain the flag for this season. The final scores were:

I.C.I.: 10.14. d. PARKSIDE: 10.8."

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 5 Aug 1938, Page 3

Footscray District League

Football Semi-Final

Deer Park Meet Parkside

"Deer Park meet Parkside in the semi-final. This match will take place at Newport next Saturday. Deer Park have been training particularly hard during the last fortnight and local supporters are assured that the team will enter the arena in first class fettle. Deer Park should have every man on the list available for this game for the first time this season and it looks as though the selectors are going to have a headache on Thursday night in picking the side. The big Newport oval should suit I.C.I.'s style of open play and providing the fine weather continues the large crowd that is expected should witness a great game.

Deer Park and Parkside have met twice this season and the locals have won both matches, by five goals at Deer Park and seven points at Footscray Park. This should give them plenty of confidence for next Saturday's game.

Parkside play a hard vigorous game and if they can keep the game close Deer Park will have to be at their top to get the points. However, Parkside tried the same tactics at Footscray Park, but Deer Park meeting vigor with vigor managed to scrape home. Deer Park's high marking and their ability to open the game up on a big ground coupled with their superior stamina should just about gain them the points."

"Spotswood managed to scrape home from Parkside by three points in the final last Saturday and so earned the right to meet Deer 'Park in the Grand Final."

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 9 Sep 1938, Page 5

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FOOTBALL I.C.I. PROVE TOO FAST FOR PARKSIDES'

"The game against Parksides was reported as being the match of the day, but contrary to expectations, it developed into a rugged scramble until half time, when the standard of football improved and the I.C.I. boys revelled in the open play which Parksides failed to stop. During the third term when play was a little congested, there were some hard knocks taken which seemed to have its effect on the opposing side.

When the bell rang for the final 25 minutes Parksides were only ten points in arrears and kicking with a slight breeze. The last quarter had not gone far when the I.C.I. rucks, led by the "iron" man ("Gunner" Hunter), had the measure of the Parks' tired defenders, and added four quick goals which seemed to disorganise the players and supporters alike.

Deer Park kicked 9.8, to 1.2 in the last term. The final scores were:

Deer Park 18.24 P arksides 9.14"

Sunshine Advocate, Friday 16 June 1939, page 2

"Braybrook went under to Parksides last week after an evenly fought first half. At this stage, the loss of their ruck strength in Jack Moffat was a severe blow, shortly followed by L. Falla (ankle injury), and Captain Pie Lewis. With the side disorganised and playing 16 men, the Brooks were unable to cope with the good football of the Parks, who ran out winners by 15.11 to 7.7."

Sunshine Advocate, Friday 11 August 1939, page.3

I.C.I. VERSUS PARKSIDES

"Deer Park were at home on Saturday where a very poor exhibition of football was witnessed. The Deer Park side fielded eighteen men -these being the full complement of players to choose from. The play by both sides never revealed premiership football, but Parks were too superior everywhere in the first half of the game. They kicked very accurately realising that their percentage would have to be bumped up, thus a ten-goal advantage at, the change.

The second half was not so disastrous for I.C.I. from a goal-kicking point, but nevertheless Deer Park could not make up the leeway. Although the scoring was equal in this term the football never improved. The final bell rang and the I.C.I side was not at all perturbed at the reverse because they realised had the team that will play in the finals been available matters would have been

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different. The last time these teams met it was I.C.I. who won by ten goals.

The final scores were: PARKSIDES : 20.21 d. I.C.I.: 10.11"

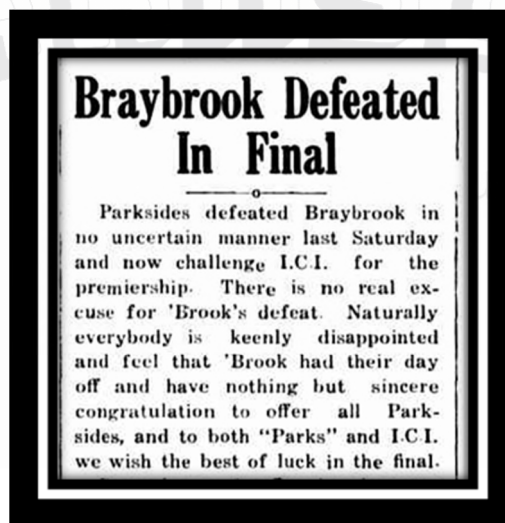
Sunshine Advocate, Fri 18 Aug, 1939, Page 7

BRAYBROOK TO MEET PARKSIDES

"The match against Parksidestomorrow is to be played at the Footscray football ground, and in the opinion of good judges of the game the winners of this match will be premiers. But they still have to meet I.C.I. in the grand final on Saturday week. With Len Falla and D. Fisher in Saturday's side, they, will line up armed to the teeth, with condition, courage and will to win."

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 8 Sep, 1939, Page 6

Parkside entered another Grand Final in 1939, beating the Braybrook Football Club in the preliminary final.



"Parksidest defeated Braybrook in no uncertain manner last Saturday and now challenge I.C.I. for the premiership. There is no real excuse for 'Brook's defeat. Naturally everybody is keenly disappointed and feel that 'Brook had their day off and have nothing but sincere congratulation to offer all Parksidest, and to both "Parks" and I.C.I. we wish the best of luck in the final."

Sunshine Advocate, Friday 15 September 1939, page 7

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I.C.I., .PREMIERS

Easily Defeat Parkside

"Playing on the Footscray ground last Saturday I.C.I. were victorious over Parkside in a great game. This is I.C.I.'s first premiership since entering the Footscray District League five years ago, being runners-up twice.

The football produced by Deer Park was first class, every player doing his job well. The first quarter saw I.C.I. kicking against the breeze and right from the bounce they attacked "Parks" goal and found the opening three times before Parks could retaliate.

It was a good opening burst and already it was a winning advantage. Both sides settled down in the second term and played good open football. The I.C.I. wingmen excelling in a series of short passes which generally ended with a scoring advantage. Although Parks were playing good, hard 'ball, they could not cope with the pace of our smaller players who were outstanding on the big ground.

When the bell rang I.C.I. had a five goal advantage and looked certain to maintain it to the final. Although Parks were fighting a losing battle they never slackened, but in trying to recover I.C.I.'s lead, it took its toll and all hope was lost, for the final 20 minutes was just a matter of how many goals Deer Park would win by.

During the third term some of the players got a little ruffled and it threatened to develop into a melee in the centre, but the capable handling of the situation by the umpires soon had the game under control and it finished without further incident.

Scores: I.C.I. 14.14 d. PARKSIDES 8.13"

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Barkly Bakery horse and cart ~ Footscray, Victoria in 1939

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Mr Norman Griffin will go down as perhaps the most successful president in the history of the Parkside Football Club.




Mr Norman Griffin

He was a well-known resident of Footscray. Mr Griffin was an established jeweller and a long term occupant in Hopkins Street. He started in 1923 and moved to number 141, Hopkins Street. At these premises he made the first Footscray Mayoral Chain (Cr Hanmer), in 1936, at the advent of the new Footscray Town Hall, designed by architect Joseph Plottel.

"Another of his community roles included a sixteen year term as Parkside Football Club president, begun in 1925. His son, Alan, carried on the jewellery business at 141, in later years."

<https://applications.doi.vic.gov.au>

[https://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Files/Footscray trail brochure.pdf](https://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Files/Footscray%20trail%20brochure.pdf)

<p>Norman Griffin 141 HOPKINS ST., FOOTSCRAY MANUFACTURING JEWELLER Old Gold Bought Repairs</p>  <p>Special Single stone Diamond shoulder Ring, 18 ct. gold, pure platinum, £8/10/- Others £4/10/, £5/10/, etc.</p>	<p>MANUFACTURING JEWELLER AT FOOTSCRAY</p> <p>Norman Griffin, of 141 Hopkins Street, Footscray, in our Footscray advertising column directs the attention of subscribers to his business as a manufacturing jeweller. Special single stone diamond shoulder rings, 18 ct. gold, pure platinum, are available for £3/10/-. Others can be purchased at £4/10/, £5/10/ and so on. Repair work is executed with satisfaction and at a cost to suit all purses. Mr. Griffin intimates that he is prepared to purchase old gold.</p>
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Werribee Shire Banner, 1933

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Dark clouds began to rapidly gather over a troubled world, In 1939,

On 3 September 1939 Prime Minister Robert Gordon Menzies announced the beginning of Australia's involvement in the Second World War on every national and commercial radio station in Australia.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Small arms ammunition factory, Footscray, Victoria 1939

<https://www.livingmuseum.org.au/student%20projects/lqor%20Beras%202006/index.html>

The Argus, Melbourne wrote in June 1940,

FOOTSCRAY RALLY

"Cr. C. A. Beever, Mayor of Footscray, is organising a big recruiting rally on Footscray Oval, the date for which has been fixed tentatively for Sunday, July 14 is proposed that the whole of Footscray's war effort shall be illustrated by "strong posts" of Red Cross and other workers, and the local air raids precautions organisation, and that a detachment of the A.I.F., bands, and Boy

Scouts will take part."

30,000 Expected

"Six bands and representatives of all the fighting services will take part in a great win-the-war rally which will take place on the Western oval, Footscray, at 3 pm tomorrow.

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Speakers will Include Mr Menzies and Mr Curtin.

About 30 000 people are expected to attend

AIP Naval and Air Force men will march with the 32nd Battalion A.M.F. and members of the Footscray branch of the RSL from the drill hall near the oval on to the arena.

A.R.P. and Red Cross workers, St John Ambulance Brigade, Voluntary Aid Detachment, Boy Scouts, and Australian Air League have also been allotted stations on the arena"

The Argus Melbourne, 13 July 1940

DERISIVE REPLY TO HITLER

MR. MENZIES SAYS "NO SURRENDER"

"The answer to Hitler's 95 minutes speech in the Kroll Opera House, Berlin, would be derisive laughter on the part of the whole British world, said the Prime Minister at a patriotic rally on the Western oval, Footscray, yesterday afternoon.



All Hitler had said in 95 minutes could be replied to in half a minute, said Mr. Menzies. Our challenge would be "Peace, yes, but on our terms, Hitler, not yours.""

The Argus Melbourne, Mon 22 Jul 1940

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FOOTSCRAY'S HOPE

"Good wages as well as considerable amounts in overtime were being earned in Footscray, said Cr. C. A. Beever, the Mayor, when he opened the local War Savings Certificate Campaign yesterday afternoon. He hoped that some of that money would find its way into war funds.

Cr Beever added that Footscray had subscribed £ 70 000 to war funds, but with a population of 60 000, he thought they should try to raise £500 000. Six hundred local men had volunteered for the fighting services, and it was the duty of their fellow citizens to support them in every way."

The Argus, Tue 15 Oct, 1940

"Just as football scaled new heights the onset of World War II stopped the game in its tracks.

Footballers were lost to the war effort and crowds plummeted. By the depths of 1942 the average attendance dropped below 10,000 for the first and only time on record. There was some level of guilt shrouding players and supporters partaking in such a comparatively frivolous exercise, though an alternate point of view (supported by former PM Robert Menzies) was that footy served a valuable psychological and social purpose, in addition to contributing money for patriotic funds.

"The public will say so through the turnstiles; till they do footy should go on... As soon as the game interferes with the application of war needs then the game must go... after all, football is of small moment". - Hec De Lacy, The Globe"" by Jeff Dowsing

<http://australianfootball.com/articles>

"The period 1942-43 was the most critical, for the nation and the VFL. Football grounds were attractive for military use because they provided accommodation space, with catering and ablution facilities, parade grounds and ample storage areas. With the Australian Government assuming control of manpower and resources, extra pressure was placed on the way the general populace could spend its limited leisure time. As in the Great War, it was agreed that football provided a valuable diversion from the constant focus on the war."

Footscray football ground lost due to questionable chemistry

"The first evidence that Footscray's home ground, the Western Oval, was destined for military occupation was when it was disclosed in early April 1942 that troops were 'comfortably housed' in the Footscray Harriers headquarters, which was only a very small part of the complex. At this stage

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there was no definite indication that the whole venue would be taken over by the military authorities. On 19 April, there was a public review of civil defence units at the Western Oval, attended by Arthur Drakeford, MHR for Maribyrnong, and Minister for Air.

There had been no formal decision by the military about its intentions for the Western Oval and Footscray Council pressed for a decision. The council made every effort to enable the football club to continue playing there. The training quarters were still available, and the Bulldogs trained at the ground on 2 May, one week before the season started.

Then, on 6 May the entire football ground, including all surrounding buildings and structures, was formally requisitioned by the Hirings Directorate. On 8 May, the venue was occupied by troops of the US Forces Chemical Warfare Service. Parts of the 62nd Chemical Company Depot and 10th Chemical Company Maintenance took occupation. Those arrangements were in place until 31 October 1942 when the US forces vacated.

There is another angle to this occupation of the Footscray ground by the US. Although Australia and the United States were signatories to the Geneva Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, the protocol only prohibited the use of such weapons and not their production. The document can be characterised as a 'no-first-use' agreement rather than a non-proliferation treaty and some nations declared that it would cease to be binding on them if their enemies failed to respect the prohibitions of the protocol.

Consequently, considerable stockpiles of chemical weapons were held in Australia for possible use against Japan. In addition to this, the United States had not ratified the protocol which left open the possibility of 'first use'."

Bruce Coe and Bruce Kennedy, *No Umpires in this Game: The Victorian Football League During Two World Wars*, Footy Histories, Melba ACT, 2016



1941 Grand Final Football Record

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Parade of 5 U.S. Marine Corps before a game of American Football. MCG 1943.

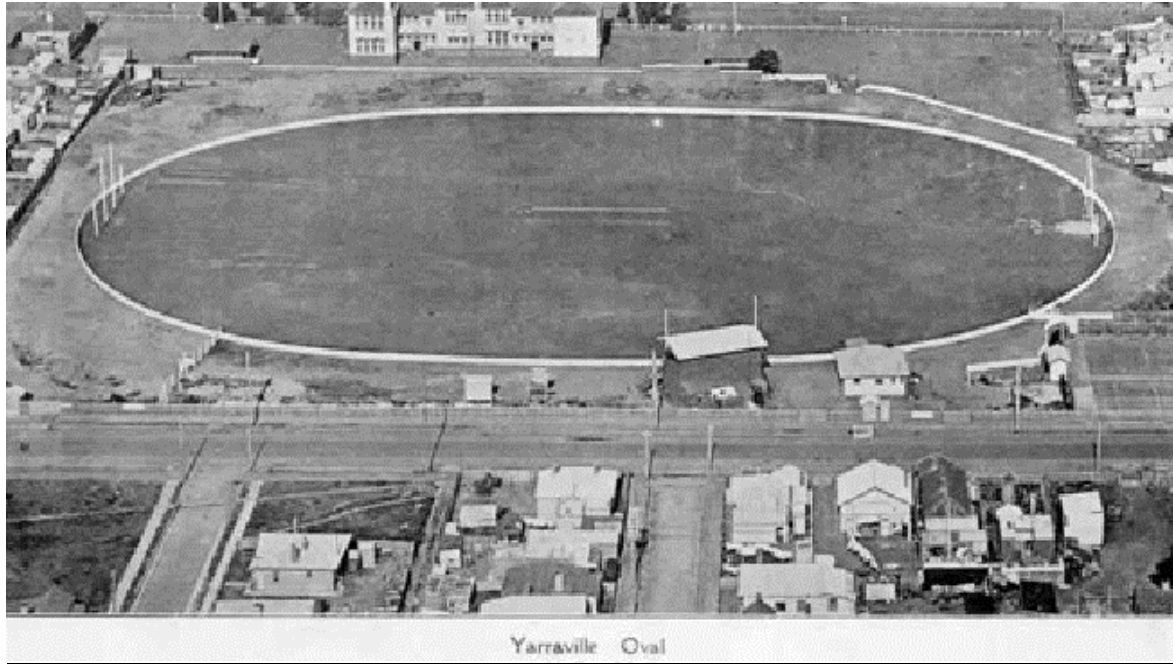


'The club colours – red, white and blue – were the greatest colours in the world today, while its mascot – the bulldog – had on many occasions recently symbolised that great leader – Winston Churchill.' (Footscray Advertiser, 3 May 1941)

<http://www.westernbulldogs.com.au/club/history/timeline/1940s>

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Aerial Picture of Yarraville Oval, which was the home ground of the Bulldogs during World War II.

Picture: Picture Victois.

"Footscray FC used Yarraville Oval as a temporary home in 1941 and 1942 because the Western Oval was being used as a camp for soldiers on their way to New Guinea during World War Two.

The club moved back to the Western Oval in 1943.

The ground's record crowd was estimated to be between 16,000 and 18,000 people who attended Ron Todd's first VFA match for Williamstown against Yarraville in 1940."

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/victoria/a-look-back-at-some-of-footys-bizarre-playing-venues/news-story/4fea3a0149f9e4093e64812da65a6440>



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The 1941 FDFL Grand Final

It was no surprise that in times of war, nations try to maintain their own defence industries. I.C.I. (Deer Parks) which was the most important commercial manufacturer of high explosives in Australia, contributed to wartime production in ammunition, initiators and the development of synthetic ammonia production and construction of the Defence Explosives during World War Two. National dependence on the defence forces and military industry coincided with the establishment of the Deer Park as dominant force within FDFL, winning premierships in 1939, 1940 and 1941.

Kevin Hillier puts out that,

"ICI Deer Park had taken over from Parkside as the dominant club in the competition. World War Two was having a huge effect on all levels of society. Clubs were finding it difficult to field teams; Sunshine District went into recess and West Spotswood withdrew, as did West Footscray and CSR.

This was a time when other matters took precedence over sport, and the Western and Yarraville ovals were garrisoned with anti-aircraft batteries, as Footscray was seen to be a highly likely target of enemy air raids in the event of invasion. Housing was scarce, ethnic tension was a real issue and the economy was far from healthy.

The 1940 B Grade Premier, South Footscray, was promoted to A Grade and Sunshine Districts re-joined the League along with a new club in Newport CYMS. Combine disbanded during the season and ICI became the first team to win back to back flags in A Grade, before going into recess.

Only six clubs competed in the 1942 season in each grade but three new teams joined the Under 18s; St. Thomas (from Moonee Ponds), Yarraville Socials and Parkside. West Footscray returned to A Grade after winning the 1941 B Grade flag. Essendon Thirds replaced Newport in B Grade. Kingsville and Seddon were elevated and Combine reorganised and re-entered the competition along with Yarraville Socials."

Parkside Football Club was committed to survive through that difficult time and was looking forward to the future, and feeling grateful for the past.

1940 Preliminary Final

"I. C.I. meets Parkside in the final which will be played on the Footscray oval. A big crowd is expected to see a good even match, but after the way in which I.C.I. finished on last week, the indications are that I.C.I. will be the team to meet North Footscray for the premiership next week. I.C.I. have practically a full list for this match.

Supporters' bus will leave Sunshine post office at approximately 2.20 p.m."

Sunshine Advocate, 6 September 1940

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I.C.I. defeat PARKSIDES

"Before a big crowd I.C.I. easily defeated Parksides in the preliminary final at Footscray last, Saturday.

I. C.I. made sure of the game in the first quarter when they kicked 8.6. As expected, I.C.I. and North

Footscray meet in the grand final on Saturday at the Footscray oval. Last week's game was a very, good practice, and with every man fit, I.C.I. should win their second successive premiership. The only doubtful thing about the team has been the inability to kick goals instead of points, and after last week's efforts we have hopes of reversing our recent scores against our opponents.

Scores last Saturday were 17.15 to 11.21."

Sunshine Advocate, 13 September 1940

The lack of affection and interest for the Parkside Football Club by the local press, was constant during the 20's, 30's and 40's and for that matter, for all local clubs situated in Footscray area. They were driven by parochial interest that was defined by their location.

During that period local newspapers were situated within Sunshine, Williamstown, and Werribee focusing their attention on the clubs that played within their particular geographical domain.

Again, in 1941 Parkside and I.C.I. met each other in the Grand Final.

PARKSIDES OUTPLAYED IN GRAND FINAL

"On a ground that was in perfect condition for football I.C.I., by defeating Parksides, won their third successive premiership and the Advertiser Shield a feat only achieved by their opponents in this match. Stronger across the centre, winning in the air and exploiting the loose man to perfection, I.C.I. lead right throughout. For the third week in succession Roy Pope, I.C.I.'s captain and coach, lost the toss and Parksides decided to kick towards the Barkly St. goal.

Getting the hit out in the ruck the Parks were first to attack and soon had a point on the board which was followed by a nice kick from well out which produced a goal. From Featherby's hit out, Pope forwarded on to Tassie Graham who with a brilliant kick brought up both flags for I.C.I., attacking again a neat pass found Bert Wiggins, who scored full points from 50 yards out. Stan Taylor was doing a good job at centre half back, but Parks keeping up the pressure were successful in scoring two quick goals which kept the crowd at a high pitch of excitement.

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Not to be denied I.C.I. came again and by some brilliant football by the forwards I.C.I. took the lead. Taking a nice mark, again booted truly, followed by a goal to Wiggins who had received from Skipper Hassett. Wiggins and Graham were in deadly form. After some fierce ruck duels, Hassett came into the picture again, and from a free kick passed to Gunner Hunter who put it through. At this stage Parks were being rattled, from a scrum in front Graham received and kicked a goal off the side of his boot a grand effort. Just as the bell sounded Wiggins marked brilliantly and took his kick which registered his side's seventh goal for the term.

Scores: I.C.I. 7-2 Parkside 3-1

Parks were first to attack from the bounce of the second quarter, but brilliant play by Taylor held up their advance.

Hallahan received from Taylor, but was forced back around the wing where at least five or six Parkside men were standing unguarded, which let them in. to kick their fourth goal. Although Featherby was doing a great job in the ruck, I.C.I.'s back men were not minding their men and were being beaten to the ball. At this stage it was still anybody's game.

With half the quarter gone I.C.I. had failed to bring the ball past the centre. Cameron was playing a good game for Parks and with Johnston in form, added a couple of goals. I.C.I. started to wake up and with good football Grant, Nichols and Gray forced play down to the forward zone, where Graham with a snap shot put it through for two flags. I thought the umpiring at this stage was excellent. From the centre, where Chatfield was playing extra well, a neat pass was sent to Wiggins who coolly forwarded to Graham who disputed a mark with a Parks' player The mark was awarded to Parks and his kick sent play up past the centre onto Parks' forward line, where it was put through for major points, Parks attacked again only to see I. C.I., through the agency of Gunner Hunter, relieve with a brilliant mark, play was sent up to I.C.I.'s forward pocket where Eddie Hunter registered a point with a long kick.

The quarter ended: I.C.I., 9-3 to Parkside, 7-6. From the hit out Pope passed to Nichols, who took a free for a trip, he passed to Howell, who was beaten for the ball, and once again play was forced into Park's forward zone to find I.C.I still out of position, but a poor kick only brought up a point Featherby and E. Hunter were combining well, and a pass from Hunter to Gray who was brought clown rather solidly, was good football. Still rather groggy, Gray passed to Howell' who kicked a goal.

Howell again getting the ball passed to Jeffleries alone in front, to goal. I.C. I. now had a run on and with a brilliant clash by Pope around the wing the ball was sc at right up to the goal mouth, where Gray waiting behind pack slammed it through. Nicholls playing brilliantly on the wing passed to Graham, but Parks battling hard soon had play back on their forward line, Searle, Day and Roche strove valiantly to force the ball away, but the ball was kicked in for full points to Parks.

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From the ruck Pope received and goaled with a nice shot only to see Paks reply with another goal in about two minutes.

The term ended with the score I.C.I., 13-4, Parksides, 9-7

On the bounce Parks received a free which was marked by Eddie Hunter, play was brought back to the centre, but Parks attacking desperately drove, the ball forward and it was marked by the forward for a goal. Parks attacked again but Alan Grant, ever reliable, relieved only to find his pass intercepted. A free against Rocke for a plush in the back and another goal came their way. Our opponents were now putting up a great fight and play began to get vigorous, but the pressure which the locals had applied all day was starting to take toll of the Park men. J. Hallahan, who had played sterling; football all day, was now figuring in every move clown the wing.

Finishing on in grand style with a nice lead to their credit, I.C.I. brought the ball down where Tassie Gaham missed from an acute angle, but from a scrimmage in front Jim Jefferies got his foot to the ball to bring up two flags. At this stage it was all I.C.I., and when Howell from a long way out kicked his sides fifteenth goal, it was all over bar the shouting.

Parks came back again to start an attack but with Bill Day unbeatable at full back and Stan Taylor playing the game of his life, play was soon back in front of I.C.I.'s goal where Wiggins kicked a grubber through.

Jefferies went off with a broken finger and Owen Wallis, 19th man, came on and quickly celebrated the occasion by kicking his first and the club's seventeenth and last goal for the 1941 season.

Thus ended a good game, with both sides playing the game as it should be played."

Final scores were:

I.C.I. 17-5 d Parksides 12-10

Sunshine Advocate, 19 September 1941



THE FIRST BUILDING ERECTED BY THE COMMONWEALTH WAR WORKERS HOUSING TRUST FOR WOMEN WAR WORKERS. THIS BUILDING IS IN GORDON STREET, FOOTSCRAY, AND IS MANAGED BY THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (YWCA).

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The sport's cry as a battle cry

"World War II was a tragic episode in world history, which caused millions of people to suffer, costing 55 million lives. Almost a million Australians, both men and women, served in the Second World War. They fought in campaigns against Germany and Italy in Europe, the Mediterranean and North Africa, as well as against Japan in south-east Asia and other parts of the Pacific."

<https://www.awm.gov.au/atwar/ww2/>

Jeff Dowsing rightly pointed out that,

"There was some level of guilt shrouding players and supporters partaking in such a comparatively frivolous exercise, though an alternate point of view (supported by former PM Robert Menzies) was that footy served a valuable psychological and social purpose, in addition to contributing money for patriotic funds."

<http://australianfootball.com>

In 1942, the shadow of WW2 reached Australia's shores for the first time and the Second World War entered its second phase. The Australian mainland came under direct attack for the first time, as Japanese aircraft bombed towns in north-west Australia and Japanese midget submarines attacked Sydney harbour.

Dowsing argues that,

"The game was undoubtedly much slower. Given the lack of running capacity with brief pre-seasons and training that often entailed little more than kick-to-kick, positional play had to be the order of the day."

Yet, as unsophisticated as that all sounds, frantic rolling mauls and 36 players flooding one-third of the ground isn't exactly progress either. Perhaps the war era wasn't so bad after all."

Even the horrors of the war and the terrible suffering it inflicted on a whole nation could not stop the Australian rules to float.

"The executive of the Victorian Football League expressed its pleasure that many games under Australian National Council rules have been played by our lads, and that the spectacular features of our game have, as they did in the last war, greatly impressed the British, French and other Allied soldiers: It added that in order to encourage the playing of the game among Australian soldiers, 'it is intended by the League to contribute towards the supply of further footballs:'"

The pervasiveness of Australian rules football among the Australian troops in the Middle East was described in 1942 by a returning veteran, Victorian Football League ex-umpire Warrant Officer Alf

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Miller, who had also served in World War I. He said he had 'umpired in matches in many lands and never missed the opportunity to advertise the Australian game of football by arranging matches under all sorts of conditions:" For many soldiers in the Middle East, football and sport were so intertwined with war that the Australian 9th Division adopted the football cry, '**Up there, Cazaly**'; as its war cry shouted by soldiers going into combat in places such as Tobruk. Among the soldiers in the Middle East there appear to have been a number of supporters from player Roy Cazaly's old club, the South Melbourne Football Club. They seemed to have been to the fore in promoting the sport's cry as a battle cry.



South Melbourne great Roy Cazaly takes one of his iconic one-handed marks.

The Victorian Football League even received correspondence from captured Australians in German prisoner of war camps telling them of games of Australian rules played in the camps. One letter from a Corporal George Thompson in September 1942 expressed his pride in Australian sporting prowess among the prisoners of war. Thomson wrote that the Aussies were well to the front at a sports meeting held here He expressed his pleasure that Australian rules football was played in the camp and mentioned two prisoner of war players who had previously played in the Melbourne football competitions, Alfred Ludlow and Frederick William Pascoe. His letter ended with him expressing the desire for the Victorian Football League to keep playing its major competitions: **'Tell the boys to carry on, as we are keeping our tails up.'**"

Kevin Blackburn, **War, Sport and the Anzac Tradition**, Palgrave Macmillan UK, 2016

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In 1942, Williamstown Chronicle provides a comprehensive description of the game played between Sunshine Districts and Parkside.

"The Districts' winning sequence was brought to, an end last Saturday at the local ground, when the Parkskides' lasted better in a thrilling finish to record a narrow victory. But considering that the team was faced, just prior to the start of the match, with the prospect, of giving a walkover, due to ten of the previous week's team being unavailable, the officials and players have no reason to bet despondent about the 12-point reverse.

The game was a good one, but also one of contrasts. In the first half the visitors played the more accomplished football, exploiting both the Districts' key-positional weakness and the ground pockets, in relation to the tricky crosswind, with success, and, with a six-goal lead at the interval looked an easy winner. However, after the long break the Districts settled down better, and with a glimpse of then rugged determination, which has characterised most of its other games, gradually reduced the leeway until only a goal separated the scores.

The best football of the day took place in the quick-fire exchanges of the last few minutes, and in the excitement the more experienced Parkskides were able to hold off the brilliant Districts' rally to retain its winning lead.

The defeat was not without its compensations, and several of the younger players, who had to be called upon to make up the side, played so well that they, will have to be considered for future selection, even when the full strength is available.

Ten Changes Enough to Unsettle Any Team.

With a run of five successive wins and leaders of the competition, Districts were naturally the favourites for the game, especially when it was recalled that in the earlier game the opposition had been defeated by over 20 goals, at Footscray. Since that occasion Parkskides, have strengthened their team considerably, and on Saturday's form must again be considered a strong contender for the season's honours. Districts' first setback came when it was learned that the captain, Joe McGrath, had to be taken home from work suffering from pleurisy. His brilliant roving and heady captaincy would have proved invaluable in a game in which tactics played such a prominent part. Subsequently it was also learned that from the previous week's team Ryan (at a wedding), Saker(injured)), Byers (camp), Vinall (working), Boden and McDonald (both ill), and McTaggart (Footscray Seconds) would all be non-starters. The selectors were forced to re-shuffle their original selection.

A Brief Resume of the Game.

Parkskides were the first away and rattled on four goals--before Walsh put, the ball through for the Districts' first big point. The visitors were following up their play, and in comparison the locals looked

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sluggish and not interested in the result. There were several exceptions, and the kicking in of Bonnai was exceptionally good. Districts' back men were putting up a grand defence, with the exception of

allowing the spelling rover to do too much damage. In fact, most of the Parksides' goals came from this quarter.

*At the interval the scores' were: **Parksides .. 10-8-68 d. Districts . . . 4-8-32***

Len Breninger gave his team a good address, and several of the players changed positions with

Ron Pine taking over the vacant centre. Good football was the order on resumption, and Districts

infused some more spirit into its play, with the result that the visitors were unable to consolidate its handy half-time lead. Bad kicking for goal spoilt the home side's chance of being within striking distance at lemon-time, when the scores were: Parksides 12.8. 80, to 7-11-53. Parksides were beginning to feel the strain of the big ground and, were tiring.

Several goals gave the Districts a show, and the excitement grew as the visitors' score was being overtaken. Only a goal behind and the ball in front gave the Districts a definite opportunity to clinch the game but desperate defence saved the Parksides in the dying minutes of the match. A good clean and entertaining game virtually ended when the Parksides in a last minute thrust goaled just before the final bell.

*Final Scores: **Parksides: 14 gls. 12 bhs. 96 .pts. d. Districts: 12 gls, 12 bhs. 84 pts.***

Williamstown Chronicle, Fri 17 Jul 1942, Page 3



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Changi Plaque

Despite the war that has raged in the world for 3 years which saw huge national sacrifices, the game of Australian Rules football have evolved and strengthened.

Argus (Melbourne) wrote in April 1943,

FOOTBALL RULES DISCUSSED

“Several general rules of umpiring were discussed by VFL Permits and Umpires' Committee at its meeting last night, and views of the committee and its interpretations of the laws governing umpiring were put before 12 VFL umpires.

Mr F. O'Brien, chairman of the Permits and Umpires' Committee, said the umpires had been called together to discuss several rules which appeared to have been deviated from last season, especially those which governed holding the man holding the ball. It was felt, he said, that no free kick should be given if the player was making a genuine effort to kick the ball on, and that a player should be given reasonable time to get rid of the ball. Mr O'Brien also directed umpires' attention to the rule governing slinging, which, he said, was the act of catching a player by or around the neck and throwing him or attempting to throw him to the ground. "By the neck" included the neck and top of the shoulder, and not by the arm or below the top of the shoulder.

A suggestion made by Mr H. Clover (Carlton), a member of the committee, that there should be greater co-operation between players and the umpire was also discussed.

Permits were granted to the following players: To Collingwood: W. Duckworth (Parkside Amateurs) and M. Harvey (Collingwood Seconds).

The committee also discussed a ruling that any player who during the 1943 football season transferred from the League club which was eliminated from the competition at the end of the 11th round should not be permitted to return to the League club from which he had transferred before the end of the 1944 football season. This motion was agreed to, and will be submitted to the next general meeting of the VFL.”

Argus, Thursday 22 April 1943, page 9

For some prisoner-of-war football game meant more to them than anyone can imagine . This incredible and touching story of love for the game, endurance and loyalty to his beloved Richmond Football Club, was published in July 2015 in Bussines Insider Australia.

“Sotheby's Australia has an incredible piece of World War II history coming up for auction later this month: an Australian Rules “premiers trophy plaque” declaring Richmond as the winners of the 1942 premiership – at Changi POW camp.

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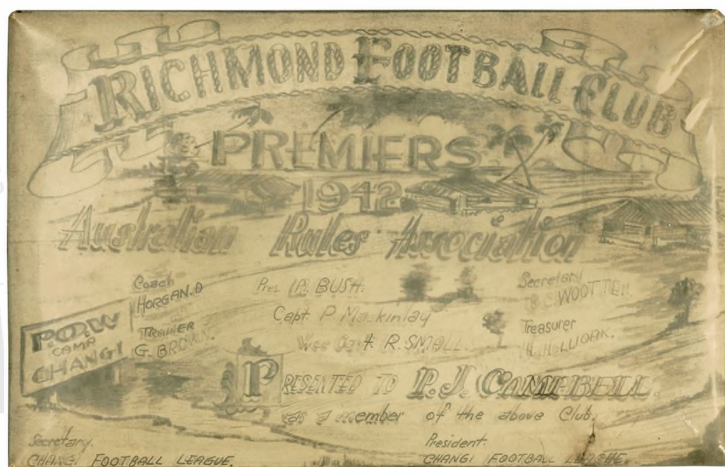
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Richmond lost to Essendon by 53 points in the actual VFL grand final back in Melbourne in 1942, but lot 278, a 30cm-wide handwritten Changi plaque is an insight into the resilience of Australian diggers at the notorious Japanese-run prisoner-of-war camp, which initially housed 15,000 Australians in 1942. Two years later, just 5000 remained there.

It comes with details of the match and players.

The plaque reads:

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB, PREMIERS, 1942, Australian Rules Association, P. O. W. CAMP CHANGI, Coach: Horgan D., Trainer: G. Brown, Pres: A. Bush, Capt: P. MacKinlay, Vice Capt: R. Small, Secretary: B. C. Wootten, Treasurer: H. Hollioak, Presented to P. J. Campbell as a member of the above Club., President Changi League.



Bobby Small came from Donald, Victoria and enlisted in the AIF's Australian medical corps at the Melbourne Town Hall on 28 July, 1941. He landed in Singapore on 15 September and became a prisoner of War after the fall of Singapore in February 1942.

Small was "Richmond's" vice captain in the grand final, played at 7pm on 17 October 1942. The match report says "Small was master of the centre" and "gathered the crumbs" so that "Richmond's forwards got most of their opportunities".

Small died of dysentery on 15 December, 1943, having been dispatched by the Japanese to be one of the forced labour crews working on the Burma-Siam railway.

He is buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery in Thailand along with too many of his mates."

<https://www.businessinsider.com.au/theres-an-extraordinary-afl-premiers-plaque-from-changi-prison-during-wwii-up-for-auction-2015-7>

<http://www.sothebys.com/en/auctions/ecatalogue/2008/the-connoisseur39s-spring-collection-including-the-private-collection-of-colin-lennox-and-tom-gillies-john-stephens-and-the-late-john-klinger-au0723/lot.202.html>

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"C" GRADE

"Sunshine were at home to Parksides, and on winning the toss elected to kick with the wind to the southern goal. Owing to the lack of understanding and cooperation among the forwards, many opportunities were lost and a congested quarter ended with both sides scoring 3 goals 1 pt.

Play in the second term was more even, with both teams settling down, the back lines being prominent for the manner in which they checked the forwards. Parksides scored 3 pts. to Sunshine's nil. The third quarter was a repetition of the first, the locals kicking 2-1 to their opponents' 1-1.

After a vigorous last term with rucks and back men closing up the play, an even game elided with Sunshine winning by a point.

*The outstanding feature was the way the opposing backmen retarded the forwards, as indicated by the low scores. **Sunshine: 5 goals 2 pts.; Parksides, 4 goals 7 pts."***

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 25 Jun 1943

"The last game of the competition will be played to-morrow against Parksides, and as this combination is 2 points ahead of Braybrook keen interest will be taken in the result. Black knickers will be worn, and tickets for players will be available at the ground from Mr. Scott, who will direct members to the dressing room allotted."

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 13 Aug 1943

"In the first semi-final to-morrow Braybrook will play Parksides again, on the Newport oval, and, with the inclusion of Jackie Baker and Sam Stirling, who have both been injured, the team will certainly

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have a moral advantage after its victory last week by 2 points. The scores were 10.11 to 9.15 in Braybrook's favor. Players are requested to be early this week, and will wear black, knicks and have the use of the home room."

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 20 Aug 1943

BRAYBROOK FOOTBALL CLUB Eliminated from Final Series

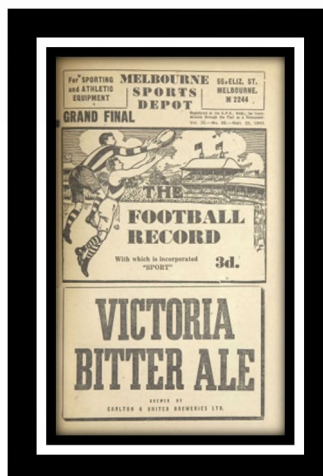
"To the surprise of most supporters and players, A grade team were soundly beaten by Parkside at Newport last Saturday. Weather conditions and lack of training seemed to be the main reason for the failure, because it was only in the last quarter that Parkside went away to win by 5 goals. Most of our players' seemed to be out of touch, with the probable exception of Jackie Baker and Jack Watters. The latter is to be congratulated on his consistently good form right through the year, and it would not surprise if he were to make senior football. "

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 27 Aug 1943

In September 1943, Parkside played the ninth Grand Final in FDFL, however for the Kingsville it was the first time lucky grand final game.

In the low-scoring game Kingsville won its first Premiership beating Parkside by 22 points.

Kingsville 6.12.48 d Parkside 3.8.26



AFL record 1943 Week 4 finals, 22 Sept. 1943

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Parkside Football Club – 1944 Season

Back Row: A. Moore, N. Colling, W. Crehan, J. Grubb, A. Clare

2nd Back: W. Dobbie, J. Bensch, P. Cameron, C. McLaren, N. Kercheval, H. Smith, K. Melvor, M. Ross, K. Crehan

Middle: K. Edwards, A. Jess, B. Flack, K. O'Donohue, R. Shaw, S. Fox, F. Walker, J. Bradley, R. Gwyann, G. Quinton

2nd Front: J. Gardiner, H. Pascarl, C. Jewell, G. McKenna, P.E. Sainsbury, J. Williamson, R. Smith, D. Rogers, L. Cheesman

Front: J. Johnson, J. Arnott, M. Cheesman, R. Deans, R. Glad

KING FOOTBALL REIGNS

"Tomorrow, Saturday, will see the opening of the football season for the fifth time since the war began-and the remarkable part of it all is that teams could muster sufficient players, considering the call of the services for young men of military age after Japan came into the war. Anyway it was done, and, no doubt, public morale has been stimulated in consequence."

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 5 May 1944, Page 2

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BRAYBROOK FOOTBALL C Grade's First Defeat

"It took the excellent combination of Parkside C Grade to lower the dignity of our C team by soundly defeating them last Saturday, under perfect conditlions. No excuses can be offered, and our chaps will need to put their best foot forward to defeat this team later in the year. It was a very low scoring game. The final scores were 5 goals 10 behinds to 3 goals 6 behinds."

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 16 June 1944, Page 3

BRAYBROOK TEAMS WIN AGAIN

"Rain spoilt what might have been an excellent game last Saturday, when Braybrobk A met the formidable Parksides at the Yarraville Football, Ground. Parksides had beaten West Footscray the previous week and the result of our game against the Black and Whites was keenly anticipated. From the very first bounce Braybrook took the offensive and were never headed all day, winning by 4 goals 2 behinds. The final scores were 12.10 to 8.8. The team was evenly balanced, no player being very outstanding, and with the inclusion of two or three more big men, who are injured, Braybrook looks favorite for the premiership pennant."

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 23 June 1944, Page 3



Footcray 1944

(Footscray Wharf, Footscray City Band and Drummers of No. 107 Squadron)

"Playing at home Sunshine were no match for the strong Parkside team. Unable to cope with height and weight of the bigger opponents, the locals were out classed in most departments with the Parksiders winning by a comfortable margin. Scores 26.20 to 3.6."

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 21 July 1944, Page 3

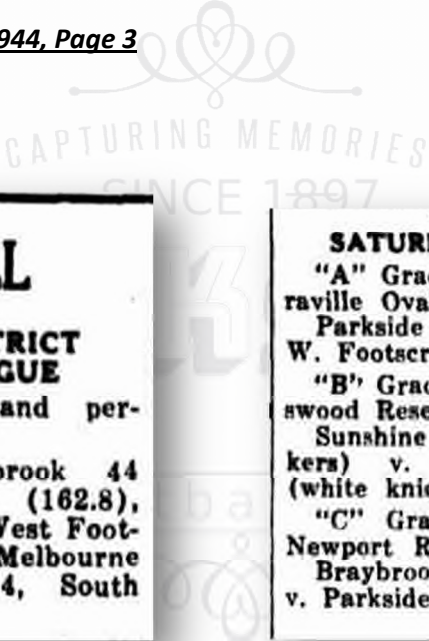
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BRAYBROOK "A" MINOR PREMIERS

"Braybrook "A" Grade clinched the minor premiership last Saturday by decisively defeating Parkside's. This victory placed the Red and Blacks four points clear of their opponents, and as the bye is played this weekend, and four more points assured, Braybrook are minor premiers for 1944. Saturday's form convinced the committee and supporters that the premiership is well within our grasp now, and the players have only to keep playing on, train regularly and co-operate together, and another flag will be ours. Last Thursday's pie night was an outstanding success, and a few of our very keenest supporters have donated a similar entertainment to the players next Thursday, after training, so a full muster is expected."

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 11 Aug 1944, Page 3



FOOTBALL	
FOOTSCRAY DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE	
Premiership points and percentages:	
"A" GRADE:	Braybrook 44 (158), Kingsville 40 (162.8), Parkside 40 (144.5), West Footscray 40 (136.4), 6th Melbourne Scouts 28, Seddon 24, South Footscray 8.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES	
"A" Grade Semi-Final at Yarraville Oval at 2.45 p.m.:	Parkside (black knickers) v. W. Footscray (white knickers).
"B" Grade Semi-Final at Spotswood Reserve, at 2.45 p.m.:	Sunshine District (black knickers) v. Newport C.Y.M.S. (white knickers).
"C" Grade Preliminary Final Newport Reserve, at 2.45 p.m.:	Braybrook (white knickers) v. Parkside (black knickers).

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 11 Aug 1944, Page 3

BRAYBROOK F.C.

C Grade Eliminated From Finals.

"Weakened through injuries in the early stages of the final game against Parkside's, Braybrook C grade were defeated by 13 points after a thrilling struggle to overcome the handicap of 8 goals at threequarter time. Two of Braybrook's leading players, Houlahan and Hlowie, were injured very early in the game, and immediately Parkside's sensed victory and raced away to a very big lead. At

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threequarter time the local boys had a leeway of 8 goals to make up, and immediately on commencing the final round the opposition booted two more goals and the game looked hopeless for Braybrook. At this moment the game took a remarkable turn and Braybrook took absolute control, and the opposition seemed powerless. The captain, Ken Scott, seemed unbeatable. Bennie Ritchie also was in the picture, and in the final 15 minutes eight straight goals were kicked, leaving the opposition two goals one behind in front. Congratulations must certainly be given for the C grade's lighting spirit and also for reaching the finals for 1944. This Saturday sees A grade meet Kingsville at Spotswood in the second semi-final of their respective division, and a keen tussle is expected. We have the visitors' room, and of course will wear white knickers."

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 25 Aug 1944, Page 3

FOOTBALL—"A" GRADE
**Braybrook 1944
Premiers**

1944 Grand Final Braybrook 7.7 (49) d West Footscray 5.18 (48)

Parkside's player, S. Fox was the Footscray District League, Best and Fairest for 1944 season.



S. Fox



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Braybrook's Golden Era

By April 1945, the military forces of Nazi Germany were in full retreat. The surrender of the German forces was formally accepted on 8 May. This was designated 'Victory in Europe' or 'VE Day'.

Celebrations in Australia were subdued because the war against the Japanese was still going on. Large celebrations were not appropriate while Australian troops were still fighting, and many others were still prisoners of war in Japanese camps. One reader of the Argus complained about the lack of VE Day celebrations in Melbourne:

'Thank goodness we had the wireless to cheer us on Wednesday recording the joyousness in England. Here it was more like a solemn funeral than a great victory achieved.'

Japanese soldiers and civilians were preparing for a last-ditch defence of their mainland. America dropped two newly developed atomic bombs on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on 6 and 9 August 1945, with colossal destruction and loss of life. The use of these weapons brought the end of the war in the Pacific. The Emperor of Japan announced his country's surrender on 15 August.

In Australia, Thursday 16 August was celebrated as 'Victory in the Pacific' or 'VP Day'. Authorities were concerned that celebrations not get out of hand, and pubs were closed on the holiday, as they had been on VE Day. However, joy still managed to break out. Crowds gathered in the streets, and strangers danced together. Melbourne's Chinese community called it 'VC Day' for 'Victory in China' and set off fireworks. Australian sailors joined in helping them parade a ceremonial dragon.

<http://ergo.slv.vic.gov.au/explore-history/australia-wwii/home-wii/victory-celebrations>



Victory in the Pacific (VP) Day: Melbourne – August 1945

Hillier summarizes the post-war years in FDFL,

"The war was over and that saw renewed interest in the league and more players available; hence, three clubs were readmitted, having been in recess due to the war. Essendon Districts and Footscray and Yarraville Socials were elevated to A Grade. The league was back to a ten team A Grade, twelve team B Grade and twelve team C Grade. Growth continued in 1947 with Maidstone, St. Albans, Maribyrnong and Williamstown United joining, and ICI reforming. Sunshine Harvesters Social and Newport CYMS both dropped out.

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A golden era was about to dawn for the Braybrook Football Club with its second flag in 1944, defeating West Footscray by one point in the Grand Final. Two new clubs joined B Grade; Sunshine Harvester Social and Friendship Circle, which wisely changed its name to the Waratahs the following season. Braybrook won the 1945 flag, Altona re-joined the competition and North Footscray reformed."

Good Win Over Parkside

*"Braybrook visited the Footscray Park ground for the second match against their old rivals, Parkside. After, a very even first quarter, Brbook's younger and much fitter side ran away to a very handy lead. At half-time the scores were 7.11 to 5.6, In the second - half, Brook's players not only stood up to the Parkside's renowned vigour, but returned it and still carried on with the game, as the final scores indicated. **Fiinal scores: 17.19 to 6.8.**"*

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 4 May 1945

*"Flashing moves on both wings with lightning disposal of the ball when in trouble, kept Braybrook A grade always in the ascendancy against Parkside. It was virtually a walkover. Parkside played like a team only once -in the first ten minutes of the first quarter; Brooks is without a single passenger to mar its excellent combination and balance. It has learnt the advantage of keeping the ball once one of its players has received it. **Scores: 20.14, 134 points; Parkside, 3.4, 22 pts.**"*

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 1 June 1945

Williamstown Chronicle recorded in April 1946 that, Hugh Torney, formerly of Essendon, has taken up the coaching duties of the Parkside club in the Footscray League. He had his finest season in 1940, winning the Essendon Best and Fairest award and finishing second in the Brownlow Medal count. His 24 Brownlow votes were at the time the most ever by a player not to win the medal.



Hugh Torney (1901 – 2000)

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FOOTSCRAY DISTRICT LEAGUE — SCORES	FOOTSCRAY DISTRICT LEAGUE — SCORES	FOOTSCRAY DISTRICT LEAGUE — SCORES
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Sunshine Advocate, May, June 1946

"The A's decisively defeated Parkside last week in anything but football weather. With the scores level at the start of the last quarter and a terrific gale favouring Parkside, it looked as if the 'Brooks would have to fight hard to avert a defeat. However, showing brilliant form, a possible defeat was turned into a brilliant win."

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 26 July 1946

PREMIERSHIP POINTS		MATCHES AND UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY	
A Grade: Braybrook 64, West Footscray 62, Seddon 48, Essendon District 46, Parkside 36, Sth. Footscray 32, Yarraville Socials 28, 6th Melb. Scouts 20, Newport United 4, Kingsville 0.		A Grade Semi-Finals: Braybrook v. West Footscray at Selwyn Park, Sunshine. Self, Tappe, Hammersley, McGowan, Downes. Essendon v. Seddon at Spotswood, Blake; Jensen, Waters; Pitt, Rowley.	
"B" Grade: Sunshine District 68, Altona 56, Williamstown Rovers 52, Spotswood 52, Newport CYMS 36, Waratah 32, N. Footscray 32, Braybrook 24, Harvester Social 20, 6th Melb. Scouts 16, Victor Social 16, Seddon 4.		B Grade Semi-Finals: Sunshine v. Altona at Hammer Reserve. Fisher; Jewell, Cheeseman; Saunders, Hughes. Spotswood v. Williamstown Rovers at Braybrook. Jacobs; Warren, Douglas; Bright, Deed.	
C Grade Final on 24th August: Essendon District v. West Footscray at Braybrook Recreation Reserve.		C Grade Grand Final: West Footscray v. Spotswood at Newport. Jackson; Hopkins, Keating; Macdonald, Harder.	
		Local Teams Play Grand Finals Tomorrow A Grade at Footscray Football Ground BRAYBROOK v. WEST FOOTSCRAY Umpires: Self; Hammersley and Waters; McGowan and Bright. B Grade at Yarraville Football Ground SUNSHINE DISTRICT v. SPOTSWOOD Umpires: Fisher; Cheeseman and Douglas; Pitt and Hughes.	

Sunshine Advocate, August, September 1946

In fact, Braybrook have won three premierships in a row, defeating West Footscray in the three Grand Finals,

1944 Braybrook 7.7.49 – 5.18.48 West Footscray

1945 Braybrook 15.9.99 – 10.6.66 West Footscray

1946 Braybrook 9.12.66 – 8.15.63 West Footscray

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At the end of the 1947 season, Parkside finished 7th on the ladder.

HOW THE CLUBS FINISHED

'A' Grade: Braybrook 64 (187.3)
Sunshine Dist. 56 (172.7); West
Footscray 56 (156.1); South Foots-
cray 52 (129.1); F. & Y. Socials 40
(110.8); Essendon Dist. 40 (102.8)
Parkside 36 (72.8) Seddon 28 (86)
Newport 28 (85.4); 6th Mel. Scouts
16 (63.6); Kingsville 8 (64.9);
I.C.I. 8 (58.9).

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 29 Aug 1947

West Footscray finally has the "monkey off its back" after the 1947 grand final win against Braybrook.

"In one way it is pleasing West were premiers as it makes a double pennant, their junior team having won the 'C' Grade honors earlier, and to equal Brook's performance, back in 1942. It is Braybrook's privilege and pleasure to hand West congratulations and honors after they have held them for three consecutive seasons."

Sunshine Advocate, Friday 19 September 1947, page 4

West Footscray 10.12.72 d. Braybrook 8.13.61

1948

In the immediate post-war era, Parkside Football Club had a period of adjustment to a new constellation of forces within Footscray District League.

Parksiders had to wait the next five years to see the club playing in another Grand Final.

In the second semi-final Parkside defeated Sunshine.

"The semi-final between Sunshine and Parkside was played at Hammer Reserve, Seddon, in warm sunshine before a large crowd of supporters. The team was as follows: Murley, McGregor, McFadgen; J. McKay, Park, Caddick; Drayton, L. Clark, R. Carlton; Winter, Harris, N. Carlton; Foxcroft, Stainer, Simpson; Henderson, White, O'Brien; Emergencies, Roberts, Nuttall.

Pocock's injured hand prevented him from taking his place in the side, where he would have been an asset in a game played to suit his vigorous style. Winning the toss Parkside had first use of a slight breeze, and right from the first bounce it was apparent that the game wasn't going to be a one-sided parlour game.

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Encouraged by a strong team of supporters players on both sides rose to the occasion and lifted the standard of football well above that witnessed at home and home games. Played at a terrific tempo considering the hot day, play seesawed up and down until Parkside opened the scoring with a goal, followed by another one soon after.

Sunshine retaliated with a beautiful running shot by Norm Carlton for full points but Parks got two more before Les Winter goaled for Sunshine.

Scores Parkside, 4.3; Sunshine, 2.2.

Dominating the ruck ; Henderson repeatedly had the ball on its way to the forwards only to have it returned by stubborn Parkside defenders. Getting plenty of drive from the centre line where Ray Carlton, Clark and Drayton had the call over their opponents, Sunshine had plenty of opportunities to score but poor kicking brought only behinds.

Clever understanding and backing Up between Ray and Norm Carlton saw the latter raise both flags again. A long punt kick by Cec. Parks, from the centre of the ground, deserved more than a point. Half time scores: Parkside 6.5; Sunshine, 3.7 .

Sixteen points down after the interval Sunshine met with several set-backs, with O'Brien, Clark and Henderson in the trainers hands within a few minutes; Parkside made the most of their loose men and rammed home three goals.

Stainer and Simpson replied for Sunshine.

After having umpire Clark officiate four times during the season, players were confident that they could adapt themselves to his particular style of umpiring and consequently were confused and bewildered by some of his interpretations during the third quarter, and Sunshine had a lapse from which they failed to recover. It was definitely a winning quarter for Parkside by adding 5.1 to 2.1. Scores at three-quarter time:

Parkside, 11.9 to Sunshine, 5.8

Commencing the last quarter six goals behind Sunshine were determined to make up the leeway. Roberts replaced White, who retired with an injured knee and added some pen to a tiring ruck. Goals to Stainer, Foxcroft and Henderson kept supporters on their toes; dogged defensive play by Caddick, Mc Gregor, Park and McKay, kept the Parkside down to 1.3. The bell rang giving Parkside victory by 25 points. Although Sunshine played their best football for the season the better team won.

Final scores:

Parkside 12-12; (84 pts.) Sunshine: 8-11 (59 pts.)"

Sunshine Advocate, 3 Sep 1948

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Parkside continued with a superb form into the following week.

This article from Sunshine Advocate shines light on the Grand Final game in 1948.

BRAYBROOK DEFEATED BY PARKSIDE

"The semi-final displays of Parkside did not warrant very strong belief that they could play premiership football to win this season's pennant. The day was perfect and the game attracted a large crowd to Footscray oval. Parkside were first to break through and scored two quick goals and one point before Brooks found their feet to register two points. Very little separated the teams, both playing hard to gain a break. Parks were keeping a few points in front and a close check as kept on Brooks key men, enabling them to lead by 7 points at the first change.

The second quarter opened somewhat similar to the first, Parks again first, to add the points. Soon after Brooks opening up their game, with Trueman in real spirited style carrying the ball from the wide wing defeating several opponents to add a single-but not before being man handled from several defenders, His effort deserved better results. Now inspired the locals came again to meet solid opposition and only a slight lead to the half-time interval. Straight talking from Ellis had its effect and the defence playing close and equally as hard kept Parks to a limited score in the third term. If Parkside were to win, this was their chance as the slight breeze had freshened. Brooks' defenders took and gave hard knocks to keep their relentless opponents down to a 5 point lead at the end of the third quarter.

At this stage it seemed a foregone conclusion for a Braybrook victory; 5 points down and the use of the slight breeze but alas the players were being beaten for pace with the possible exception of Trueman, who again playing single-handed, ran his way through the defence to receive little support. Martin, having the edge on Calvin, and K. Scott, were playing on but Parkside gained the break to score two quick goals.

Had Braybrook scored with the opportunities they had, a different result may have resulted. Halfway through the last term it was apparent Brooks were lacking in condition; rarely did they get the ball over the centre. For many seasons Braybrook have been known for their will to win and here with the Parks they found a team their equal and in better condition. Youth was taking its toll.

Nearing the close of a hard fast game Parks went ahead as is the case with any team with their tails up and getting the run of the ball; little can be done to counter such confidence. Brooks hitting hard with shoulders and hips found the counter methods of Parks much against the true interests of the game, as several foul incidents marred the full credit of our opponents victory. Harris and Martin were subjected to rabbit-killers on several occasions, and the kicking of Ellis in the face was unjust and the Parks victory would have been hailed with better feelings.

Parkside's performance to win 15 games on end, including a semi-final, final and grand final is a remarkable achievement. This is their first premiership since 1936 and Braybrook offer congratulations to them.

Final scores:

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Parkside; 10-10 (70 pts.) d. Braybrook; 6-8 (44 pts.)"

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 17 Sep 1948 Page 4



Parkside Football Club - Premiers 1948

5th row: W. Grumley, K. Gordon, C. Harley, J. Boulter, D. Rogers, N. Colling, R. Charles, W. Dobbie

4th row: T. Eason, A. Burns, D. Williams, H. Smith, A. Peart, S. Waghorne, L. Lane, F. Purrs, A. Harrison

3rd row: E. Pritchard, J. Devine, E. Clare, B. McGrath, L. Callcott, I. Lekovich, C. Waghorne, W. Watkins, R. Owynn, G. Quinton

Sitting: H. Pascal, J. Gardiner, R.C. Shaw, J. Galvin, H.M. Bryce, J. Williamson, B. Lane, W. Annond, J. Grubb

Front: W. Farrow, K. Annond



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There was a real sense of optimism and commitment at the club in the post-war period, following the unprecedented experience of 12 years premiership drought. As you might anticipate, this great side has won another premiership in 1949.



Sunshine Suffers First Defeat

“ FAILING to produce the good form of the previous week, Sunshine "A" Grade on Saturday were easily defeated by last year's premiers, Parksides.

Sunshine were without the services of Ron Pocock, Alec O'Brien and Bernie Bell and the loss of these players was keenly felt. Opening the first term with advantage of a slight breeze, Sunshine managed to score three goals, but should have converted more of the opportunities to score. Parksides scored two goals but this was only a forerunner of what was to come.

Getting plenty of drive from a winning centre line Parks continually attacked in the second term and Sunshine's half back line lacked the stability to keep them out. Parksides' centre half forward was on the top of his form and his spectacular marking and long kicking topped off many attacks.

By half time the score was 8-6 to 4-3 against Sunshine and the position desperate.

Positional changes were made in an endeavour to effect a change in the game and these were on the whole successful. Doug Caddick going to centre half back effectively silenced Parksides' star forward, and Frank Simpson gave more drive from the centre although his absence from roving was noticeable. Sunshine had the better of play in this quarter but ill directed kicks on the forward line failed to finish off many of the advances.

In the last quarter Shine battled hard but Parks with a good display of pacy, play on football ran out easy winners.

Final scores: Parksides: 12-13; 85 pts. Sunshine: 5-10; 40 pts.

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Reasons for the defeat could be summarised as: Lack of drive from the centre and around the packs, an unstable half back line and inability to make the most of opportunities on the forward line. Sunshine should profit by the lessons learned and improve in the next few weeks. Parkside were playing well; if anything a little too well for so early in the season, and would have beaten most teams' in the competition."

Sunshine Advocate, Friday 13 May 1949, page 4

"With half the season gone, the fight for the final four in the Footscray District League is now on in earnest. At present in 'A' Grade, Parkside, Sunshine and Braybrook hold a clear advantage and need only to retain present form to be assured of a place at the end of the season. The final place appears to be a light between West Footscray, I.C.I. and Spotswood."

Sunshine Advocate, Friday 24 June 1949, page 4

Braybrook Lose by Eight Goals to Parkside

"The game played at Footscray Park between Parkside (leaders in the District League) and Braybrook (3rd on the list) resulted in a comfortable win for Parks, after a very even first half. The scores were level at half time, but Parkside with brilliant marking by their forward division scored heavily in the second half and holding Braybrook goalless, won convincingly. Parkside: 14-9; 93 points Braybrook: 6-7; 43 points."

Sunshine Advocate, Friday 8 July 1949, page 4

Sunshine Just Fails in Strenuous Match

"THOUGH playing some of its best football for the season, Sunshine faltered at a crucial stage and went down to Parkside last Saturday at Sewiyn Park.

The game was hard and fast and the pressure was on from start to finish. As usual Sunshine was slow to start, and it appeared in the first quarter as though Parkside would not experience much trouble. The good play of the locals backmen kept the score down to Parkside, 3-4 to Sunshine's 2-1 at the change over.

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A different Sunshine was seen in the second quarter. The whole team operated as one man and with a winning ruck supplying the drive Parkside were temporarily disorganised. Seven goals were added by the locals in their best football for the season.

With the scores, Sunshine 9-2 to Parkside 5-6 at half time, it appeared as though the locals had only to register two or three goals in the third term to make the game safe. This they failed to do however, despite a number of shots at goal. Though having an equal share of the play Sunshine could manage only five points to 2-2, leaving them 11 points up at three-quarter time.

Expectations that the last quarter would be a thriller were fully realised. Both teams hurled themselves into the play in a desperate bid for victory. Getting great drive from across the centre Parks hammered away at the locals defence and eventually broke through to take the lead. Sunshine fought back but could not find the big sticks and Parkside ran out winners by 10 points.

There was little to choose between the teams. On the day each team had its periods of ascendancy. Parkside are to be congratulated on their stamina and fighting spirit. The locals worst periods were at the commencement and in the closing stages of the game. Losing two of its best high marks in Bernie Ball and Doug Caddick before three quarter time was a big handicap."

Parkside: 10-13: 73 points Sunshine: 9-9: 63 points

Sunshine Advocate, Friday 29 July 1949, page 4

Last Match Will Decide Final Four

The final four in "A" Grade of the F.D.L. hinges on the result of the last round of matches to be played tomorrow. Vital matches are the Sunshine v. West Footscray and Spotswood v. Braybrook fixtures.

"A" Grade:

Parkside, 60 (152.2)

Braybrook, 56 (135.9)

West Footscray, 54 (146.7)

Sunshine, 52 (137.9)

Spotswood, 48 (136.8)

Sunshine Advocate, Friday 19 August 1949, page 4

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Semi-Finals Start To-morrow

Semi finals in the three senior grades of the F.1D.L, will be played tomorrow.. Matches ai'e as follows: "A" Grade Sunshine. v Parkside at B3raybrook. Braybrook v West Footscray at Spotswood. "

Sunshine Advocate, Friday 26 August 1949, page 4

Sunshine Soundly Defeated

"Unable to stop a third quarter burst by Parkside, which resulted in eight goals, Sunshine were easily defeated in the semi final played at. Braybrook last Saturday. The first half was evenly contested and at half time Sunshine had a lead of seven points. Holding Parkside in the first term Sunshine produced some good football in the second to score five goals. A feature of this half was the play of Alan Stainer at full forward.

Losing in the ruck and across the centre Sunshine found extreme pressure placed on the back line in the third term. Though battling hard, the backmen eventually wilted and Parkside aided by the run of the ball slammed on goal after goal. The ball rarely crossed the centre giving Sunshine's forwards little chance to reply. Facing a big deficit, Sunshine played the match right out in the last quarter and reduced the lead but were soundly beaten by a better team."

Final scores: Parkside: 15-12; 102 points Sunshine: 10-9; 69 points.

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 2 Sep 1949, Page 4

Sunshine: 8-4; 52 points d.Braybrook: 5-13; 43 points

Sunshine has now to meet Parkside in the grand final to be played at Footscray football ground tomorrow. Players are confident that with plenty of vocal support they can take the flag.

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 9 Sep 1949, Page 4

Sunshine Just Fails in Grand Final

AFTER giving Parkside a four goal start Sunshine made a determined effort and had the premiership almost in their grasp last Saturday.

Failure to ram home attacks in the last quarter when within a point of their opponents was costly to the locals. Parkside got the breaks at the right time and snatched victory in a match which had spectators on their toes until the final bell.

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As usual Sunshine was slow to start and Parkside had kicked four goals before Alan Stainer marked and kicked truly. In the first five minutes Des McGregor collided heavily with an opponent and sustained severe concussion. His absence meant a reshuffle of team positions. Having use of the wind in the second quarter, Sunshine infused more life into their play and overhauled their opponents. Don Henderson ran into an open goal just before half time but his shot hit the post to make the difference one point at the interval.

For the crucial third quarter several changes in positions were made. In the light of subsequent events the wisdom of these can be doubted. Ron Pocock, who was doing well at centre half-back, was shifted to a flank; Bill Searle to centre and Bernie Bell to centre half-back. Lloyd Clark went on the ball.

Parkside were more accurate in attack for the term and finished the quarter with a lead of 17 points. Sunshine set about reducing the leeway in determined fashion. The ball was on the forward line for some time before Frank Simpson scouted well to kick two majors. Play then see-sawed back and forth with both teams striving for the winning break. Only a few points separated the teams when Alan Stainer appeared to mark in front of goal but it was disallowed and the ball swept away.

Sunshine just could not break through and getting the run of the ball Parkside stormed forward to goal and clinch the game. Sunshine's effort was better than most supporters expected and needed only the assistance of a bit of luck to have gained the day.

Final scores:

Sunshine: 7-8; 50 points - Parkside: 9-7; 61 points"

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 16 Sep 1949, Page 4



Parkside Football Club – 1949 Premiers

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Back: J. Grubb (com.), R. Charles (com.), J. Boulter (goal ump.), K. Crehan (com.), R. Cameron (com), W. Dobbie (com.), H. Richardson (VP)

3rd Row: J. Devine, B. Murray, S. Waghorne, A. Burns, H. Smith, R. Malbon, K. Gordon, J. Ewans, A. Jowett

2nd Row: E. Pritchard (1st Aid), N. Colling, R. Shaw, B. McGrath, B. Lane, F. Galvin, R. Gregory, A. Harrison, J. Iles, G. Quinton, (1st Aid)

Sitting: J. Newman (com.), J. Gardiner (V. President), A. Stafford, J. Galvin (Capt-Coach), H.M. Bryce (President), J. Williamson (V. Captain), E. Clare, W.A. Annand (Sec.), B. Voice (com.)

Front: J. Taylor (1st Aid), J. Higgins, K. Annand (Mascot), R. Evans (Bdy Ump)



S. Waghorne

S. Waghorne was a leading goalkicker in competition for 1949 season, scoring 65 goals.



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A strong rivalry between Parkside and Braybrook delivered a close and intense encounter at the start of the fifth decade in the last century.

Braybrook Lose by 1 pt.

"Braybrook just failed to defeat Parkside at home last Saturday.

With a high wind blowing straight down the ground the backlines of both

teams were hard pressed when their opponents were favoured with the wind and negative tactics of forcing the ball out, were used by both sides.

The game was spoilt as a spectacle but never lacked excitement and fire. Neither side could gain a clear advantage and at the last change, 'Parks had only a two goal lead. It seemed as if Braybrook could win, but Parksides packed their back-line-at least 15 men were defending—making scoring almost impossible and the Brooks failed by 1 point only.

Parksidee: 4-11; 35 points d. Braybrook: 4-10; 34 points"

Sunshine Advocate, 28 July 1950

"Finals Played Tomorrow: Parkside v Seddon at Footscray Oval."

Sunshine Advocate ,Fri 1 Sep 1950

On September 2nd in the 1950 preliminary final. Seddon defeated Parkside by 19 points in an extremely low scoring game.

Seddon 4.13.37 d. Parkside 2.6.18

B. Murray (Parkside) and K. Cooke (West Footscray) shared competition's the Best and Fairest award for 1950 season.



B. Murray

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Parkside Football Club - A Grade (Minor Premiers) & C Grade - Season 1950

G. Stafford (Trainer), B. McGrath (com.), R. Gregory, J. Harley, A. Jowett, G. Hyland, A. Harrison, T. Eason, W. Grumley (com.), J. Boulter (Goal Ump.)

3rd Row: C. Harley (com.), A. Clare (V. President), R. Malbon, R. Power, A. Dagg, W. McMillan, W. Clifford, B. Matthews, K. Crehan (com.), G. Quinton (1st Aid)

Sitting: W. Dobbie (com.), F. Currie (V. President), L. Sellman (V.C.C-Grade), R. Grove (Captain/Coach), H. Pascarl (V. President), A. Burns (V.C. A-Grade), I. Collins, J. Gardiner (V. President), W. Annand (Secretary)

Front: J.Devine, J. Williams, J. Higgins, C. Sargent



Barkly Street, Footscray (1950)

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Trophies for the 1950 Season

Best and fairest: **J. Devine**

Most consistent: **A. Clare**

Most improved: **F. Walker**

Most serviceable: **C. Cooke**

Most unselfish: **R. Gregory**

Best 1st year: **C. Sargent**

Best clubman: **R. Charles**

Best utility: **H. Smith**

Attendance: **J. Higgins**

Boundary Umpire: **K. Crehan**

Goal umpire: **J. Boulter**

Time keeper: **W. Dobbie**

First Aid: **G. Quinton**

Financial Statement for the 1950 season.

“Secretary reported

£486, 50p, 2p

Expenses: £141, 90p, 1p

Credit balance: £334, 16p, 1p

Commitment: £137, 20p, 0

Balance: £207, 14p, 2p”

“Mr Harrison reported on property that had a good year. One football missing, all jumpers in order.”

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FDFL 1951 season opened on April 21st.

FDL Notes

"There was a good attendance at Hanmer Reserve last week when Seddon, the "A" Grade premiers of 1950, were at home to Maidstone, 1950 'B' Grade premiers. Prior to the match Seddon's first F.D.L. pennant was unfurled, Messrs Constable (chairman F.D.L.), and Dunne (F.D.L. secretary) being present on behalf of the League. Mrs Meikle, mother of Seddon's president performed the unfurling ceremony. A similar function was held at Spotswood where the 'C' grade pennant for 1950, won by Spotswood was unfurled by Miss Sutton, daughter of Spotswood's popular president, who is also the father of Footscray captain, Charlie Sutton. A feature of the opening round was the difficulty of clubs in fielding full teams but this is usual each year and should be overcome in the next few weeks. The 'A' grade matches were fairly even and some interesting games should be seen this year.

Premiership Points and Percentages

"A" grade — Spotswood 58 (147.6); West Footscray 52 (124.7); Parkside 50 (117.3); Seddon 48 (129.1); North Footscray 40 (112.4); Braybrook 36 (96.5); I.C.I. 20 (87.4) F & Y Socials 20 (80); Maidstone 20 (66.4); St Albans 12 (66).

The top four clubs after the home and away season were Spotswood, West Footscray, Parkside and Seddon.

Parkside was into the FDFL Division A semi-final after beating Seddon in the preliminary final by 14 points. **Parkside 10.13 73 d. Seddon 8.11 59.**

At the same time, in the "C" grade preliminary final Parkside defeated Seddon by 33 points.

Parkside 11.12 78 d. Seddon 6.09 45.

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 31 Aug & 8 Sep, 1951

Defeating Spotswood in the preliminary final, Parkside booked their spot in the grand final decider.

Preliminary Finals:

*"A" grade: **Parkside 13.11 89 d. Spotswood 6.10 46***

Sunshine Advocate, 15th September, 1951

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"A" grade Grand Final between West Footscray and Parkside was played on 9 September at the Footscray Oval.

In its twelfth FDFL grand final, Parkside won its seventh premiership after a closely contested game.

Parkside 14.8.92 d. West Footscray 12.9.81



Parkside Football Club – Premiers 1951

Back Row: H. Hodgson (com.), K. Crehan (com.), L. Cheesman (com.), G. Moloney, B. Bradley (trnr), F. Walker, C. Cooke, W. Farrow (com), L. Turner (com)

3rd Row: A. Harrison (com), R. Power, H. Smith, B. Matthews, J. Neylon, J. McBain, W. Bugden, O. Clifford, A. Burns, G. Qienton (1st Aid)

Sitting: W.A. Annand (Sec.), R. Charles, J. Considine, S. Waghorne (Captain/Coach), H. Pryce (President), J. Devine (V. Captain), R. Shaw, H. Pascarl, B. Voice (Treasurer)

Front: H. Darcy (mascot), M. Harvey, V. Wilson, C. Sargent, R. Howell, C. Waghorne, K. Annand (mascot)

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Goal-kickers for 1951 Season (final)

Waghorne (Parkside) 67; Barker (Nth F'scray) 48; Massey (F & Y) 34; Kelly(B'brook) 33; Sims (F & Y) 31; Stark (ICI) 30; Hansen (Seddon) 30



S. Waghorne

In the 1951 Spotswood wins "C" grade (U18's) Grand Final premiership over Parkside.

Presentation night at Footscray Town Hall.

Tuesday 23rd October 1951

(Rental of hall £3, 30 p., 3 p.)

On the count of vote:

J. Devine 35 votes, R. Howell 34 votes and C. Sargent 31 points

Trophies for the 1951 Season

Best and fairest: J. Devine

Most consistent: R. Howell

Most improved: B. Matthews

Most serviceable: C. Sargent

Most unselfish: R. Power

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Best 1st year: **J. Considine**

Best clubman: **W. Farrow**

Best utility: **E. Walker**

Attendance at training : **S. Waghorne**

Boundary Umpire: **J. Boulter**

Goal umpire: **J. Lane**

Time keeper: **W. Dobbie**

First Aid: **G. Quinton**

Outstanding Service: **R. Cameron**

Photos to be taken at Hilda Mitchell Studios at 10 am Sunday, 9 September 1951.

Hillier reveals that during the 50's FDFL decided,

"to ban players who were not in the Bulldogs residential zone from playing" because "Footscray Football Club was financially subsidising the competition. As a result, in 1950 the competition shrunk from thirty-nine teams to thirty-three.

The structure of the competition was changed dramatically because of the Footscray allegiance. New teams came from Yarraville Boys Club and Williamstown High School Old Boys, while Newport and Sunshine defected to the Metropolitan League.

South Footscray disbanded and Essendon District's attempt at entry into the League was not accepted as most of its players were residentially bound to the Essendon VFL team.

Seddon won its first flag by defeating Spotswood, and a young man by the name of Ted Whitten won the league's Under 18 Best and Fairest award; the next year he began his illustrious career in the VFL.

The changes continued in '51, with F & Y Socials withdrawing during the season—as well as Maidstone A, Seddon B and Yarraville Boys B—meaning there were fourteen walkovers in various grades. After a forgettable season the league rules were amended to restrict affiliates to a maximum of fourteen clubs, as well as the requirement that all clubs field a second team of Under 18s."

History of the WRFL/FDFL / written and compiled by Kevin Hillier, 2007

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Braybrook was successful in two premierships in 1952 season.

St. Albans Down to Parksides

"St. Albans last Saturday went down to the improved Parksides by 12 points. In the first quarter it was apparent that it was not to be St. Albans' day when the ball twice bounced through from kicks a long way out to give full points to Parksides. This state of affairs was to exist throughout the whole game. Although St. Albans played really, well, spectators saw the ball refusing to go anywhere else but through the big sticks for Parksides while St. Albans missed repeatedly from deliberate shots within easy range. The final scores. were Parksides 11 goals 3 behinds to St. Albans 8 goals 9 points."

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 25 Jul 1952

Braybrook Gets Double Chance

"BY defeating Parksides last Saturday, Braybrook gained second place and a double chance in the finals. The semi-final will be played against Seddon this Saturday at Newport."

In Saturday's game, all the Braybrook players played well. Kinder (best on ground), Kelly and Comini were a little ahead of the rest. Final scores: Braybrook: 16-16. Parksides: 11-2"

"BRAYBROOK football club had a great day last Saturday winning both premierships in the Footscray District League. The result in both games was very close and the game showed the fighting. qualities of the Braybrook teams."

Final scores were: Braybrook: 7 - 9. D. Seddon: 7 - 2."

1952 Grand Final: Under-18's

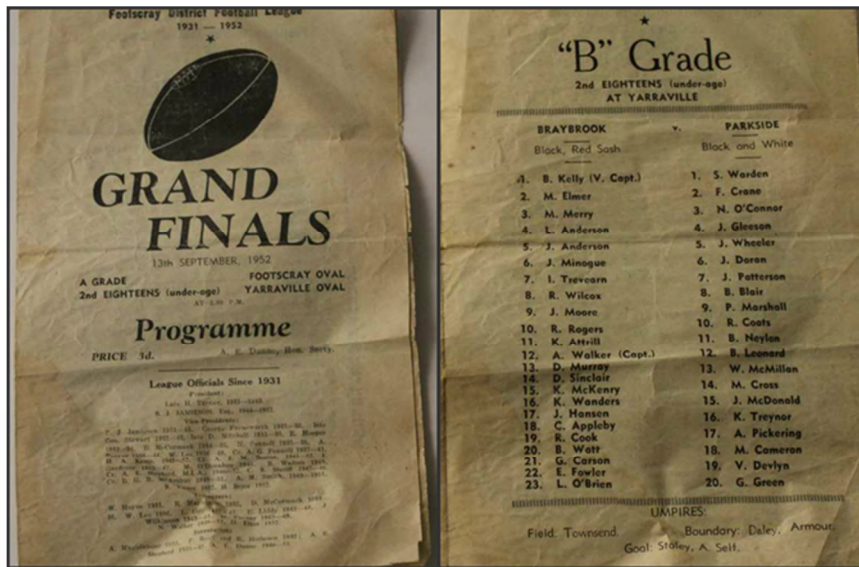
"Braybrook's under-18 team finished on to defeat Parksides in a hard-fought game. Owing to stoppages through rough play the last quarter lasted 35 minutes. After being nine points down at three-quarter time, Braybrook fought back against the wind to win by four points."

Final scores: Braybrook: 11 - 16. Parksides: 11 - 12."

Sunshine Advocate, Fri 19 September, 1952

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1952 FDFL Grand Finals Programme (U18's)



Parkside Football Club – Season 1952: 2nd Eighteen “Runners Up and Minor Premiers”

Back Row: V. Devlyn, A. Croft, K. Treynor, H. Hodgson, J. Buckley, R. Coats, C. Edwards
3rd Row: K. Doran, P. Marshall, M. Cross, L. Coon, A. Pickering, F. Crane, A. Boulter, B. Leonard

2nd Row: W. Grumley (Goal Ump.), H. Pascarl (Mgr.), J. McDonald, G. Green (V.Captain), H. Bryce (President), N. O'Connor, A. Gardiner, E. O'Keefe (Trainer), K. Crehan (Coach)

Front: R. Hodgson, B. Toogood, R. O'Keefe

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Kevin Hillier exposes an interesting detail from 1952 season.

"Bob Ducrow, who played at Spotswood and Newport, believes the 1952 final four was shrouded in controversy:

It came down to the last home and away game and Newport and St. Albans played the last home game at Newport...whoever won went in the four. This is where the drama started. Halfway through the season Parkside and West Footscray were to play below the gardens there at Footscray, not on the ground where they usually played...it was underwater so there was no game. So because it made a difference to the final four they voted to play it on the Sunday after the last home and away game.

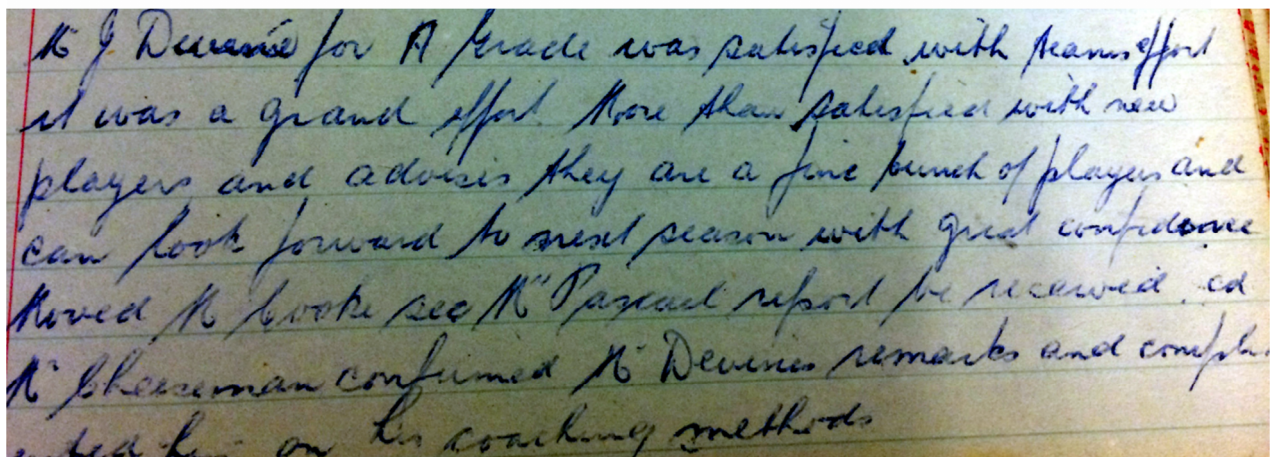
As it turned out, the only way they both could stay in the four was if it was a draw. I was at the game and I remember thinking there was something wrong in this last quarter. It didn't happen then, you see them today and they're kicking their football across the ground and back the other way and that's what these two sides were doing. They got the scores level and then neither side wanted to score.""

Williamstown Chronicle verifies the validity of Ducrow's recollections of that, rather bizarre event.

"Although winning by 35 pts. Newport moved into third place on percentage over Parkside. But a replay of a match between Parkside and West Footscray last Sunday ended in a draw, placing Newport equal with West Footscray, but of the four on percentage."

Williamstown Chronicle, 29 Aug 1952 Page 6

At the end of the 1952 season J. Devine who represented A grade players informed committee members that he *"was satisfied with the the team's effort. It was a grand effort . More than satisfied with new players and advices they are a fine bunch of players and can look forward to next season with great confidence."* (19/09/1952)



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K Pherriman confirmed K Devine's remarks and compli-
ented him on his coaching methods*

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Parkside Football Club – Seniors - 1952 Season

Back Row: W. Annand (Secretary), O. Conn, E. Walker, B. Kelly, H. Bryce (President), B. Matthews, B. Daley, I. Martin, R. Shaw, L. Watt, B. Blovham (Trainer)

Middle Row: G. Qionton (First Aid), H. Richardson (V. President), C. Cooke, E. Clarr, J. Devine (Captain/Coach), J. Considine, R. Power, C. Sargent, W. Trestrail

Front Row: W. Farrow, C. Waghorne, C. Conn, I. Williams, N. Coats, R. Charles (Soc. Sec.)

1952 Best and Fairest Players (Votes)

1. E. Walker 27 ½ votes
2. W. Trestrail 26 votes
3. J. Considine 22 ½ votes
4. O. Conn 22 votes
5. C. Cooke 20 ½ votes
6. J. Devine 20 votes

Best & Fairest players.		
1	E. Walker	Votes 27½
2	W. Trestrail	.. 26
3	J. Considine	.. 22½
4	O. Conn	.. 22
5	C. Cooke	.. 20½
6	J. Devine	.. 20

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Trophies for the 1952 Season

Best and fairest: **E. Walker**

Most consistent: **J. Considine**

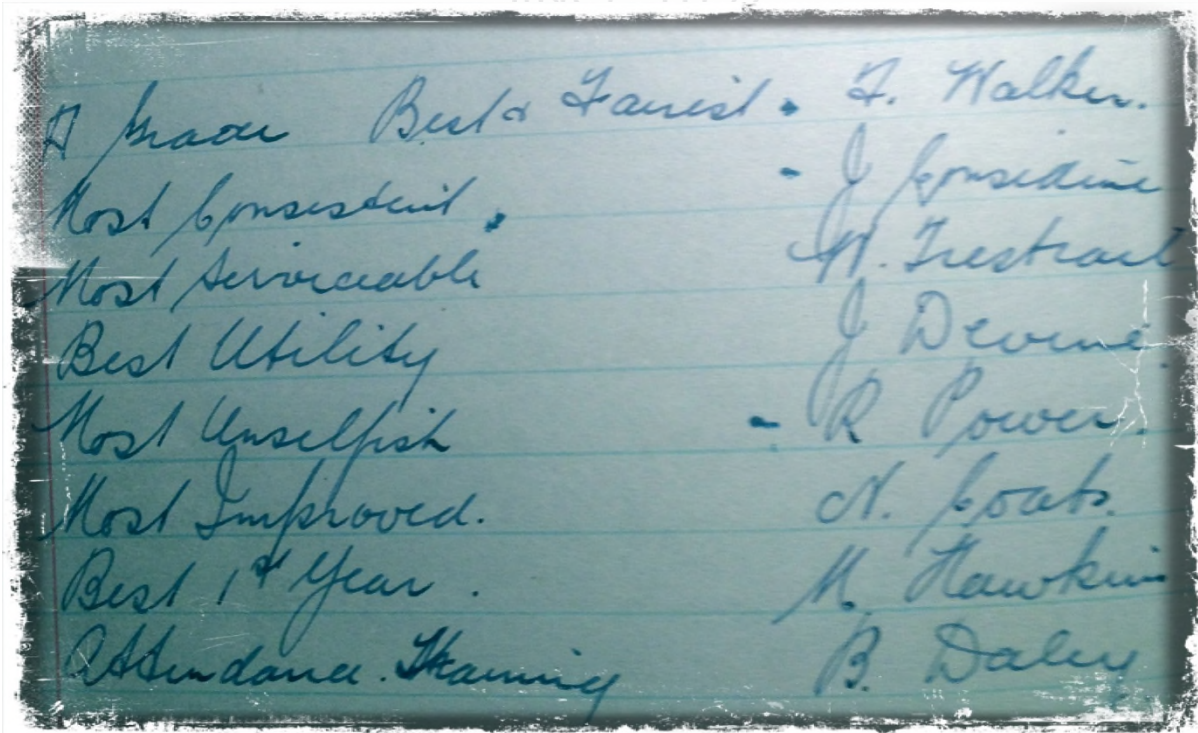
Most improved: **N. Coats**

Most serviceable: **W. Trestrail**

Most unselfish: **R. Power**

Best 1st year: **M. Hawkins**

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Herb Pascarl remembers that,

"In 1948 or 49, Parkside Football Club, with permission from Footscray Council built their first club rooms. On the same place where our present pavilion is now were two long sheds used for Footstray Park equipment and mowers. These two sheds were open on one side and faced each other, so workers from Parkside Football Club set about modifying one of these sheds and with weatherboards, concreting, plumbing, etc., myself, Ron Charles, Jack Considine and apprentices from Vic Railways where I worked, with a lot of hard work, we managed to build our first club rooms which were very good for those times with change rooms, toilets, showers, etc.

Unfortunately, we only used them for a few years because about 1951, the Club, under the then President Mr. Harry Bryce, started what we called Footscray Boys or Youth Club of which the same Mr. Harry Bryce was President and he insisted that the Boys Club ran the Parkside Football Club. This the Parkside Football Club Committee would not agree to, and by the next season, the rooms were given to the Boys Club."

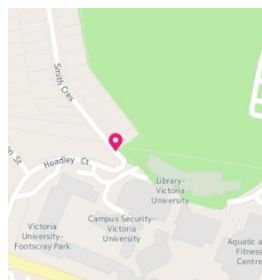
Parkside Boys' Club

"With the idea of "bringing the best out of the boys of Footscray and making good citizens of them" steps to form a Parkside Boys' Club were taken at a meeting in the Anglers' Hall in July, 1953. It was emphasized that although the club would bear the name "Parkside" it would not be open only to boys from the football club. The new club is accommodated at the Henry Turner Memorial Reserve."

John Lack in his book, A History of Footscray writes that,

"Youth clubs were flourishing.. Stan D'Altera established the Yarraville Boys' Club during the war to occupy lads whose parents were often absent on shift work, the Social and Educational Club bought Trimble's Hall in 1947, and organised an extensive sports program for boys and girls: the Y.M.C.A. Youth Centre opened at Kingsville in 1951: and six years' work by the West Footscray Recreational League culminated in the establishment of the Youth Centre in Essex Street in 1953, the same year that saw the Parkside Boys' Club established. Such groups and clubs catered for several thousand young people by the mid-1950s, partly in an attempt to counter widespread vandalism."

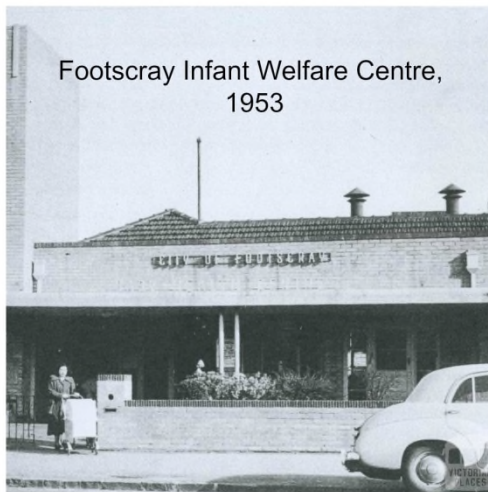
Lack, John, History of Footscray, North Melbourne Hargreen Publishing in conjunction with the City of Footscray, 1991, p.343



Footscray Youth Club (today)

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Footscray Infant Welfare Centre,
1953



Footscray Oval 'Flood' Match
(Footscray v Fitzroy) 1953



Medal - Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II
Commemorative, City of Footscray, 1953



Self Service Refrigerator,
Delicatessen, Footscray, 1953

Footscray 1953

1953 Season

Braybrook Makes Final Four

BY defeating Parkside last Saturday Braybrook regained its place in the four and will play in the semi-final this Saturday.

Players to bring both black and white knicks. Bus leaves Sunshine Post Office at 1 p.m. sharp.

Scores last week: Braybrook 6-5; Parkside 2-3.

Best: Kinder (best on ground) Richards, Rowe, Grieg, Howden and Twiss.

THIRDS OVERWHELMED

Parkside all out in an effort to boost their percentage, overwhelmed a weak Sunshine side to run out the easiest of winners 15-27—117 to 0-5-5.

Sunshine's best players were F Miller, W. Banks, H. Tribe, F. Jee, J. Ball, Jepsen.

Braybrook Down to Parkside

Both Braybrook teams were defeated by Parkside last Saturday.

"A" grade—Parkside 8-6 to Braybrook 6-14.
Goals: Richards 3, Gregg 1, Toban 1, Praetz 1.

K. McKenry gave a pleasing display in his first match.

"B" grade—Parkside 12-12 to Braybrook 7-14.

Goals: Hynes 3, J. Anderson 2, Elmer 1, Baker 1.
Best: Hansen, L. Anderson, J. Anderson, Atrill, Trevian.

In the 1953 Grand Final Seddon 5.8.38 defeated Newport 2.7.19

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Excerpts from minutes of the general committee meetings in 1953.

"Mr Devine for A Grade (team) reported that the football season was enjoyable and expressed his gratitude to all players taking part. It was unfortunate for the club that it could not retain good players due to injuries and National Service Training

Best and Fairest player for A Grade was C. Cooke with 13 points. Runner up was J. Considine 12 points.

Trophies for the 1953 Season

Best and fairest: **C. Cooke**

Most consistent: **I. Martin**

Best utility: **J. Devine**

Most improved: **K. Doran**

Most serviceable: **P. Marshall**

Most unselfish: **F. Lang**

Best 1st year: **J. Walker**

Attendance training: **R. Power**

Excerpts from minutes of the social committee meetings in 1953.

"Moved by C. Cooke, seconded by Mr Annand that we obtain from former secretary all material held by him and same to be left at Mr O'Keefe residence.

Mr O'Keefe moved, B. Power seconded that the ladies run a competition at each home match of both, the 1st & 2nd and Eighteenes.

It was moved by Mr Noonan, seconded by Mr Edwards that permission be obtained from the general committee to hold a house party, also to run a dance in the near future.

Moved Mr Ross, seconded Mr Prentice that a picture night be held and the matter be left in the hands of the social secretary.

Nominations for Presidents

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Mr Annand was nominated by Mr Prentice seconded by Mr Edwards. No more nominations.

Mr Annand was duly elected President of the social club.

Members Present

Mr Annand, Mr Prentice, Mr Noonan, Mr O'Keefe, Mr C. Edwards, Mr Ross, Mr Cooke, Mr Power, Mr Cheeseman, Mr K. Edwards and Mr Johnson."

12th March 1953

"Mr O'Keefe reported the booking of Anglers Hall for dance on Wednesday Night, the 29th April. The booking of the orchestra be left in the hands of Mrs Ross.

Moved Mr Cooke, seconded Mr O'Keefe that the Federal Hall be booked for a Cabaret Ball on Friday 24th July."

Balance Sheet			Season 1953		
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Sum Total £51 ✓					

Balance Sheet – Season 1953

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On two occasions during the 1950s, Footscray Football Club expressed a strong interest in signing Parkside junior player, half forward Max Cross.

Joh Lord, is a life long member o ParksideFootball Club, recently mentioning that Max Cross was the best player he ever saw for Parkside.

Jack Cannon wrote for Argus in 1952,

WAITING TO SEE MAX

"Footscray F.C. officials are anxiously awaiting the first training appearance of a highly rated full forward recruit on Tuesday.

He is Max Cross, who kicked more than 100 goals in the Footscray District last season. Cross, who is a solidly built young player, could not turn out to train this week because of a slight hand injury.

If Cross lives up to his high reputation he may help solve the forward weakness, which was so expensive for Footscray last season.

Another impressive new-comer who trained at Footscray last night was Stan Warden, a ruggedly built defender from Parkside club."

Argus, 6 March 1952, page 8



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Again, Argus reported on Footscray's interest in Cross, this time in 1955.

"Particular interest was shown by Footscray officials last night in the form of Max Cross, half-forward, from Parkside, a district junior side.

Cross, who is expected to develop into a valuable player, won the best and fairest award in the Footscray thirds in 1953, and later showed out when he played a few games with the seconds.

He then returned to his junior side, but since his last appearance he has developed considerably.

Two others from the Parkside team also was closely watched. They were J. Carlton, half forward, who is only 17; and D. Kelly, 18."

Argus, 18 March 1955, page 27

"Footscray have every reason to be pleased with the form of young Max Cross, who since his promotion to the senior side has never failed his team. His clever marking and remarkable accuracy in front of goal have played a major part in the Bulldogs' successes. He kicked five goals from six shots last week, and that probably swung the balance in Footscray's favour. "

"Footscray have a good full-forward in Max Cross. He leads well, has a good pair of hands and is fairly accurate. If the Bulldogs make the finals they could be in the happiest position of all clubs as far as the full-forward post is concerned. Two years ago, when they won their first V.F.L. pennant, it was Jack Collins who starred at full-forward. He kicked 7.4 in the Grand Final."

The Football record, VFL 1956 Season

Max loved footy, but he also took too much of a liking to socialise with a beer . Despite his undisputed talent and leading the goal scoring, Cross's star faded quickly into obscurity.

"Max Cross (11 July 1934 – 7 March 1985) was an Australian rules footballer who played with Footscray in the Victorian Football League (VFL).

Cross, a Parkside recruit, was Footscray leading goal-kicker in the 1956 VFL season, his first. He didn't come into the team until round five and on debut kicked five goals, against South Melbourne. His season tally of 52 goals included six in the finals series, four of them in Footscray's semi-final win over Geelong. Only St Kilda's Bill Young kicked more goals in the VFL that year, with only four more goals than Cross. "

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Max_Cross

ALL RECORD	Sept. 8, 1956	8	THE FOOTBALL RECORD	August 4, 1956	
LEADING GOALKICKERS			the beers that have won world wide fame . . .		
W. Young (St. Kilda)	..	56	Victoria Bitter - Melbourne Bitter - Foster's Lager - Abbots Lager		
M. Cross (Footscray)	..	50			
N. Rayson (Geelong)	..	41			
J. Spencer (North Melb.)	..	40			
R. Johnson (Melbourne)	..	40			
I. Ridley (Melbourne)	..	39			
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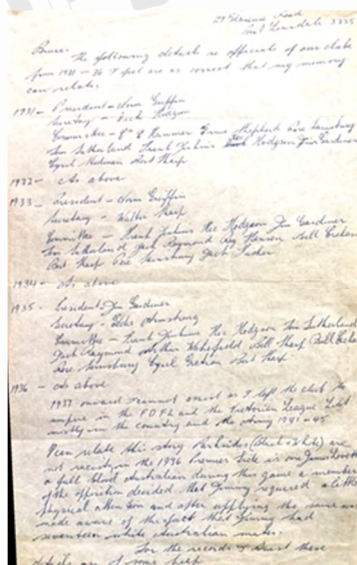
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James Lovett (1936)



John Sharp (1936)



No Racism

Lovett

Sharp

Mateship
MATESHIP

John Sharp played for Parkside in their first historic premiership in the FDJFL. He was the Captain of the 1933 Premiership side. In 1937 he left the club to umpire in FDFL and the Victorian League, mostly in the country. He served with the Army during World War II (1941- 1945).

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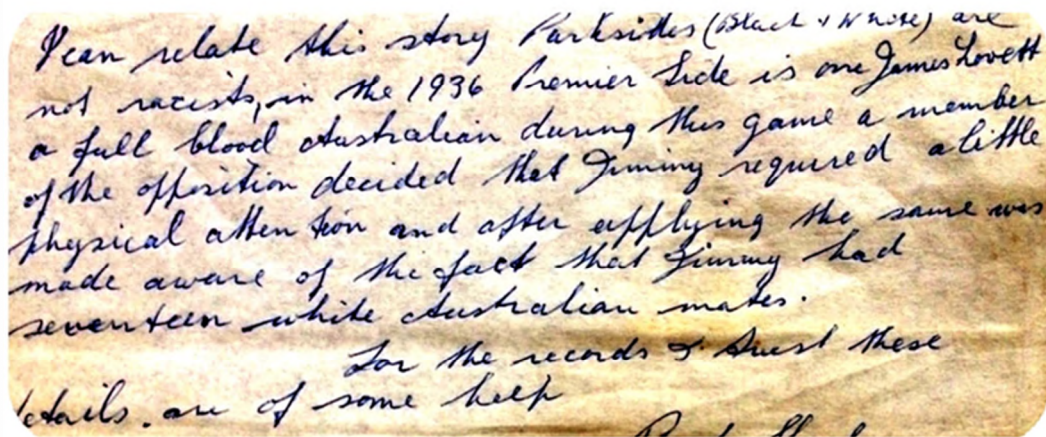
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Parkside Football Club's history is characterized by toleration and inclusiveness. In his short letter he wrote to Parkside's Bruce Dolphin in 1981, John Sharp desperately asked us to remember that

Parkside fought against racism and injustice when it was institutionalized in many segments of the society.

Parkside Captain and multiple premiership player remembers,

"I can relate this story; Parksides (Black and White) are not racist. In the 1936 Premier Side is one James Lovett, a full blood Australian. During this game a member of the opposition decided that Jimmy required a little physical attention and after applying the same made aware of the fact that Jimmy had seventeen white Australian mates." ~ John Sharp (21 October, 1981, Point Lonsdale, Victoria)



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For the records & quest these details are of some help*



Premiers 1936

To contextualize and to understand the history of race relations in Australia, in the 1930s we need to remind ourselves that in:

"1934; Under the Aborigines Act, Aboriginal people can apply to 'cease being Aboriginal' and have access to the same rights as 'whites'.

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1935; The introduction of the Infants Welfare Act (Tasmania) is used to remove Indigenous children on Cape Barren Island from their families.

1936; Western Australia Aborigines Act is amended to permit Aboriginal people to be taken into custody without trial or appeal and to prevent them from entering prescribed towns without a permit.

1937; Assimilation policy - Aboriginal Welfare - Conference of Commonwealth and State Authorities called by the federal government, decides that the official policy for some Aboriginal people is assimilation policy. Aboriginal people of mixed descent are to be assimilated into white society whether they want to be or not, those not living tribally are to be educated and all others are to stay on reserves."

<https://www.creativespirits.info/aboriginalculture/history/aboriginal-history-timeline-1900-1969#axzz4hlkH35QS>

At the same time, in September 1936 when James Lovett stood against racism and injustice together with his Parkside mates, proudly wearing the black and white jumpers, the others, powerful and rich enjoyed in another display of glamour and bigotry proving again that racism is just a mask for greed.

CROWD'S INTEREST IN "UNCIVILISED"

Gala Premiere

*"Sydney grows more like London every day," said a travelled woman, as she forced her way through the flood-lit crowds to the foyer of the Embassy Theatre last night for the gala premiere of *Uncivilised*." "Why, I even heard over the air before I left home a description of the people arriving at the theatre."*

A STRIKING FIGURE

Actors who witnessed the screening of their film performance included Miss Marcelle Marney, a striking picture in a frock and sari of black sheer, covered with large gold coin spots, wide gold bracelets, and gold kid sandals; and Mr. Ashton Jarry, Mr. James Raglan, "The Flying Doctor," was accompanied by Mrs. Raglan, and he was snatched for a moment from the crowd to speak into the microphone.

The Acting Premier (Mr. Bruxner) was accompanied by Mrs. Bruner, who wore an elegant frock of black tailored velvet, and Mr. and Mrs. John Bruxner. Mrs. Hector Clayton wore a frock of black pleated chiffon, and entertained Mrs. Malcolm McCormick, who covered her black gown with a white

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satin mandarin coat: and Miss Mary Hordern, in black velvet, and a fur-trimmed velvet wrap. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton entertained Mr. and Mrs. Chauvel at supper at their home after the show.

FUR-TRIMMED COATS AND FROCKS

Mrs. Here McIntyre, who wore a frock of cyclamen pink flat crepe and a kolinski cape, entertained the Mayor of North Sydney (Alderman David Hunter) and Mrs. Hunter, the latter in a black lace frock. Mr. Ken Hall was accompanied by Mrs. Ken Hall, who wore a frock of sage green matelassé.

Mrs. Hugh Poate covered her frock of black velvet with a fin wrap; mid Lady Denton, who accompanied Sir Hugh Denison, wore a full-length mink coat over a frock of black and gold brocade. Mrs. David Martin's black coat, collared with silvei fox, covered a black gown. Miss June Munro pinned a large purple orchid in her Ice-biue satin gown, which she covered with a long black velvet cloak.

The Sydney Morning Herald, Sat 26 Sep 1936, page 11



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The majority of local football clubs have made themselves a vigorous part of community life, establishing social networks based on a community's sense of solidarity, identity and comradery .

PEARMAN.—**EAST BRUNSWICK FOOTBALL CLUB.** The committee and players of the above club are respectfully requested to attend the Funeral of their late team-mate, **FREDERICK J. PEARMAN.** The Funeral will leave John (Roy V.) Allison's Parlors, 291 Sydney Road, Brunswick, **THIS DAY,** after a service commencing at 3 p.m., for the Fawcner Crematorium. **R. A. EXELBY,** President. **A. F. HEATH,** Hon. Sec.

The Age, Wed 30 Sep, 1953

In October 1953, Parkside received a letter from the East Brunswick Football Club requesting an aid in appeal for the late Frederick John Pearman who played for East Brunswick. Parkside responded to East Brunswick with a financial-aid appeal letter purchasing £20 worth of Aid Union tickets.

Parkside Football Club the 1954 Annual Meeting was held at Mechanics Institute on February 12th.

"The two storey row of brick and stucco offices, shops and dwellings was erected in 1890 on part of a triangular Crown reserve bounded by Napier, Nicholson and Buckley Streets set aside for the Footscray Mechanics Institute in 1886.



As a form of income for the Mechanics Institute trust, prominent local architect and Footscray councillor Charles James Polain and builder James Rawsthorn leased the corner of Nicholson and Buckley streets for a commercial development (from December 1890- 1912): they designed and built the row of shops, offices and dwellings. Polain was the principal resident architect within the Western region of Melbourne, being responsible for a number of distinctive and significant designs. Polain was also nationally known for his starting gate invention used in horse racing. This building was his office for a time.

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The Footscray Mechanics Institute Trust continued to own and lease the building after the initial Polain lease, housing some locally notable tenants as well as the Footscray Institute of Technology."

<http://vhd.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/places/124959>

The committee instructed club's delegates who represented Parkside at FDFL to oppose any change from Saturday to Sunday football.

It was decided that the club enter two teams in the Footscray District Football League in the 1954 forthcoming season. At the same meeting all members of committee agreed that the club should proceed with an application to Footscray City Council for use of ground on Henry Turner Reserve for the 1st and 2nd teams for the forthcoming season. Additionally, the club will apply to the Footscray Council for standard goal and behind posts, if unavailable from the Council, the club purchase same.

It was agreed that the club call a General Meeting with regard to disbanding the Parkside Football Club to amalgamate with the Parkside Boys Club.

Crisis Point

Mr Harry Bryce who was a president of Parkside Football Club for five years (from 1948 to 1952) together with the club's secretary Mr W. Annand attempted to merge Parkside Football Club with the Parkside Boys Club. Consequently the issue of club's room and who will run it emerged as a principal problem.

On the committee meeting held on 13th April, 1954 Mr Cheeseman "reported on the deputation which awaited on the committee of the Parkside Boys Club, with the view of obtaining keys to the pavilion. The request to the said committee for a key was refused. A further report from the president disclosed that the £15 was for the rental of the ground and the pavilion

...that this club be willing to attend a conference with the Footscray City Council with regard to the pavilion at the Henry Turner reserve

...that a special meeting be called if a request is received to attend conference with the council and that a deputation be formed to attend such conference."

After series of meetings with the Footscray City Council where club's deputation vigorously advocated the football club's case and the rights to continue to occupy the pavilion at the Henry Turner Reserve.

On the 21st July 1954 Parkside Football Club received the letter from the Footscray City Council advising that the Mayor, Chairman of Parks Garden and the town clerk to investigate the building adjacent to the Henry Turner Memorial Reserve with respect to the dispute between this club and the Parkside Boys Club.

Further letter from the council advising that this club is to have occupation of the said building as follows:

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- a) The southern section to be occupied by the Parkside team
- b) The centre section to be occupied by the umpires.
- c) The northern section to be occupied by the visiting team.
- d) This club is allowed to use southern section of the building for treatment of injured players on Sunday mornings.

We owe a particular debt of gratitude to the custodians and the leadership of Parkside Football Club who fought and won that battle.

Trophies for the 1954 Season

Best and fairest: **J. Devine**

Most consistent: **J. Glesson**

Most improved: **F. Lang**

Most serviceable: **R. Cunningham**

Most unselfish: **R. Power**

Best 1st year: **J. Menson**

Coaches reports for the 1954 season "stated that although the A team did not win premiership, it was a most successful season because of the fact that the club gained new players of the highest calibre.

Mr White reporting on B team stated that the 1954 season was quite a successful season although the team failed to make the final four. There are quite a few good players and the team look forward to a better season next year." The end of season footy trip was a great success where forty players travelled to Maryborough.



"In 1895, Mark Twain visited Maryborough, which he dryly observed as being: "A railway station with a town attached."

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1954: Corner of Barkly St and Nicholson St, Footscray

Picture: Herald Sun Image Library/ ARGUS

Parkside Football Club entered three teams in the Footscray District Football League in 1955 season, comprising 1st (Open Age), 2nd (under 18) and 3rd (under 16).

Club applied to Footscray City Council for ground adjacent to the Footscray Rowing Club pavilion for Parkside's 3rd team.

Secretary of the club received instructions to write to FDFL, recommending Mr Herb Pascarl for an award of Life Membership of the Footscray District Football League.

Mr J. Devine was elected as a Life Member of Parkside Football Club.

In March 1955, the club received the letter "from Footscray City Council advising that work would commence on the new club rooms at earliest convenience."

There was a very poor attendance at trainings causing the first team to play short of players against Seddon in the first round of the 1955 season. Eventually, the team was starting to take shape for the ongoing the 1955 season.

A profit of £35 was made on the Dance Party.

The Masonic Hall was booked for the presentation night.

The FDFL advised Parkside's officials that the club lost four competition points and was fined the sum of £1 for playing K. Ford against North Footscray.

Trip committee arranged accommodation in Shepparton for the annual 1955 trip. (Friday 19th August, 1955)

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Dry cleaning of guernsey costed £2.

The entertainment was provided for the under 16 “pie night”

Towards the end of the season A team had immense difficulties to field eighteen players. There were only 11 men against Sunshine and the same against Spotswood.

The coach of the 3rd team was granted an honorarium of £10.

The picnic for 3rd (under 16) was organised on Sunday 9th October, 1955. They travelled to Healesville.



Federal Hall – Footscray

The Masonic Hall Footscray

“Footscray’s friendly societies, trade unions and social clubs gave life to the business centre in the evenings and on weekends. Committees met in pubs and in lodge rooms.

Annual balls, smoke nights, fellowships, missions and breakfasts filled the four large public halls in Footscray – the Federal, Royal, Irene and Masonic. Dances were held here in the ground level hall, upstairs was the Masons’ meeting venue.”

www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/.../footscray_trail_brochure_1.pdf

Presentation night was held at Masonic Hall at 16th November.

Trophies for the 1955 Season

Best and fairest: **R. Power**

Most consistent: **P. Thompson**

Most improved: **R. McMillan**

Most serviceable: **F. Luxford**

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R. Cunningham was chosen by the selection committee to be the club's senior coach for the 1956 season. He was paid £2 per week.

N. Collings was selected to coach 2nd team in an honorary capacity.

Parkside committee refused a clearance to K. Pike to Braybrook, B. Kelly to Footscray 4th and granted a clearance to P. Brodie to West Footscray.

In April 1956, Mr Cunningham reported that "there have been 25 to 30 players training. Only lack of tall players can stop the team from having a successful season.

Club sent a letter to Station Master at Northcote requesting him if it would be possible to arrange for player M. Barker to be released from afternoon shift on alternate Saturdays to enable him to play.

Club made a donation of £2.20.0 to Footscray Branch of St Johns in round five.

Parkside sent a letter to Footscray City Council complaining of state of ground which was in a shocking condition and was not fit to play on.

The cost of the footy trip to Wonthaggi expected to be £6.10.0. A raffle was run to offset the cost of trip.

It was agreed that best and fairest trophy winners be decided by the umpire's votes. However, it was suggested that players are to select own trophy winners (excepting Best and Fairest) and that

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method of voting be preferential. The selection committee of each team had responsibility to select players that are qualified to vote.

Social Secretary reported that there was a profit of £27 from the Club Night on the 14th July 1956.

The Cabaret Ball was held at club's room on Friday 27th July. The door prize was a bottle of burgundy. The trip to Wonthaggi was cancelled and arrangements were being made to go to Camperdown.

The profit for the ball was approximately £65 a special effort was conducted for injured player J. Gleeson and the sum of £40 has been handed to him.

At the same time, The Argus reported that total profit of the seven departments of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia raised £3,794,000 to £17,439,000 in the year to June 30, 1956.

Parkside received donation of £1.10.0 from Foostcray ANA Cricket Club.

£2 was spent on hire of microphone.

The Club Committee has informed members that a dinner for a players and committee will be held after the Grand Final at the home of the Secretary, Mr Charlie Cooke and then a night will be held for supporters and players at the club rooms.

Parkside coach, Mr Cunningham informed committee that he is very confident of the outcome of the match for the premiership on Saturday, 9 September 1956.

Despite the optimistic sentiment, the team was not able to win premiership flag.

In Chinese Zodiac signs, the year 1956 represented the Red Fire Monkey. According to Chinese astrology traditions lucky colours can bring fortune and unlucky colours can cause trouble.

The unlucky colour for the Monkey sign is red. This was certain for the Parkside boys in their loss to Braybrook Bombers that year, who themselves wore red on their jumpers.



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Braybrook defeated Parkside in the Grand Final by 10 points.

Braybrook 11.7.73 d. Parkside 9.9.63



Parkside Football Club – “A” Grade: 1956 Runners up

Back Row: C. Pertzelt, S. Perram, L. Keating, R. MacMillan, D. Kelly, J. Timms

2nd Row: C. Cooke, R. Conn, W. Haines, J. Baxter, K. Keating, J. Considine, B. Kelly, J. Dordan, F. Luxford, J. Glesson, M. Timms, A. Lee

3rd Row: K. Pierce, B. Watt, M. Barker, K. Cross, R. Power (V. Capt), R. Charles, R. Cunningham (Capt. & Coach), F. Lang, F. Grubb, G. Green

Front Row: K. Austen, R. O’Keefe, A. Croft



Footscray 1956

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Parkside Football Club – "C" Grade 1956

Back Row: W. McDonald, B. Jordan, G. Wright, D. Britton, P. Parkinson, B. Wright (V. Capt)

2nd Row: S. Gilbee, J. Ellis, H. Ferris, R. McNamara, R. Beard, N. McGavin, J. Curry

3rd Row: R. Pinney, S. Orton, J. Dundon (Captain), S. Mackie (Coach), T. Bishop, D. Coats, L. Bird

Front: M. Jordan, V. Stephens



"Australian football was one of two demonstration sports at the 1956 Summer Olympics held in Melbourne, Australia. The rules stated that the hosts must organize both a native game and a sport foreign to the organizing country as "demonstration sports." Australian Rules football was chosen as the "native" sport; and baseball, an American sport, was chosen as the "foreign" sport.

In March 1956 both the Victorian Football League and the Victorian Football Association were invited to select a combined team to play an exhibition match against a representative Victorian Amateur Football Association team at the Olympic Games.

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Professional players from these leagues were unable to compete due to the policies of amateurism of the Olympic Games at the time.

The single demonstration match was played on the Main Stadium of the Olympic Games (the Melbourne Cricket Ground).

It started at 4:10 pm on Friday, 7 December 1956, immediately after the "bronze medal" soccer match between Bulgaria and India had finished (Bulgaria won 3–0).



Throughout the entire game, at which the Duke of Edinburgh was an interested spectator, a running commentary attempted to explain the umpires' decisions to the audience; and those who were not used to the game found it extremely useful."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australian_football_at_the_1956_Summer_Olympics

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Footscray in 1950's

The 1957 Season

The club entered three teams in Footscray District League; Open Age, Under 18 and Under 16.

1957 saw an increase of membership fee for adult from 15 to £16.10.0

Len McCankie was appointed as the Parkside Football Club "A" Team Coach for the 1957 season.



Len McCankie

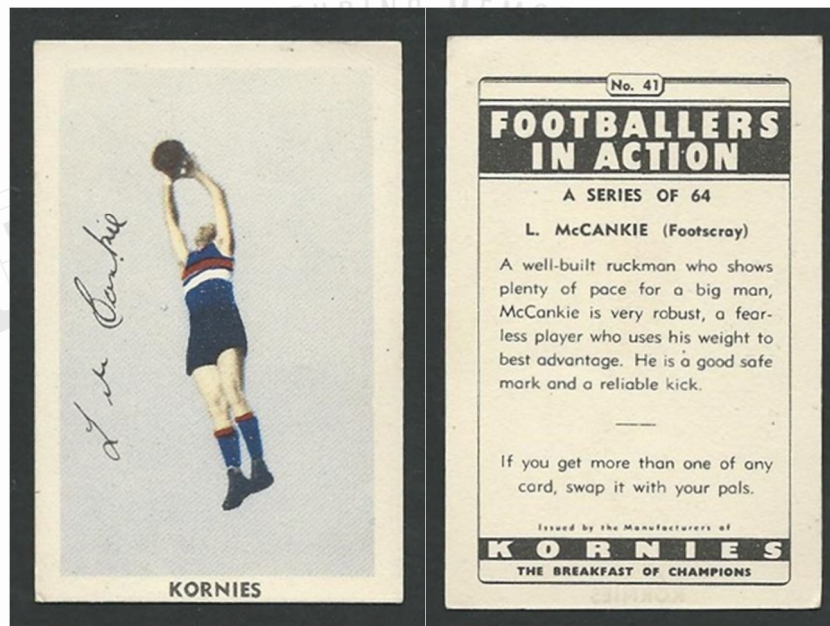
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"After showing extraordinary promise as a schoolboy footballer, Len McCankie played briefly for North Footscray before moving to the VFL with Footscray, while still aged only 16, in 1941. He went on to play a total of 143 games for the Bulldogs over the ensuing 10 seasons, earning a reputation as a courageous, resilient and highly skilled footballer who almost invariably gave good value. Solidly built at 180 cm and 85 kg, he never shirked a physical challenge, and had pace to burn.

He could function equally well across half back or in the ruck, and was selected to represent the VFL in 1945 and at the 1947 Hobart carnival. Club vice-captain toward the end of his time at Footscray, McCankie was hopeful of being appointed coach in 1951 following the departure of Arthur Olliver. However, when this did not eventuate he made his disappointment evident by accepting an offer to captain-coach North Hobart.

<http://australianfootball.com/players/player/len%2Bmccankie/6673>



Len McCankie (1924 – 2003)

Mr Pascarl who represented Parkside in the FDFL informed committee that a start of the 1957 season was scheduled for 27th April 1957 and the grand final for 7th September.

Practice match was played against All Blacks Football Club (Essendon).

Gambling was prohibited within the vicinity of the club rooms.

The club has ordered six new balls.

"A" Grade team opened their season with good win against Spotswood.

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Club was gradually paying existing debts.



It was suggested that a bottle drive was held to improve club funds.

Committee made decision to ban three troublemakers from future functions at the club rooms.

Selectors for "A" Grade were: Len McCankie (Captain and Coach) and Vice-Captain R. Power.

All clubs were requested to supply names of players interested in playing against the Federal Football League on Queens Birthday Weekend.

An old players and members reunion was held at club rooms on 19th June, the supper was prepared and the ladies committee laid the tables.

The Cabaret Ball was held at Federal Hall on Friday 9th August and ticket price was £1.10.0.

The club has purchased a newer piano.

The trip committee went to Ararat on Saturday 15th June in order to make preparations for the trip but were not able to get suitable accommodation there, and they then went to Stawell and eventually booked in there.

On 25th July 1957, in the absence of McCankie, Mr R. Power reported that the team is now 8 points clear of the 2nd team despite the fact that the team was short of players through injuries.

W. Jennings who played for "A" Team was lift in ambulance with fractured hand.

An arrangement was made for catering 200 people during the Cabaret Ball.

FDFL informed the club that the semi-final game between Parkside and Seddon will take place at Braybrook.

A profit of £25 was made on the Cabaret Ball.



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A letter was sent to Hon. A.E. Shepherd congratulating him on leadership of Victorian Labor Party.



A.E. Shepherd – Parkside's and F.D.F.L. first Premiership Coach (1931)

President of F.D.F.L. from 1933 to 1945

Shepherd, Alfred Ernest (Ernie) (1901–1958)

“Alfred Ernest (Ernie) Shepherd (1901-1958), community leader and politician, was born on 6 January 1901 at Bendigo, Victoria, eldest of eight children of Victorian-born parents Alfred Shepherd, miner, and his wife Rebecca Josephine, née Neilson, both active Presbyterians. Leaving Violet Street State School at the age of 14 to help support his family, Ernie worked for Robert Harper & Co., and studied maths and carpentry at night at the Bendigo School of Mines. He joined the Labor Party, became secretary of the Newsboys' Union (to secure a pay rise for fellow paper-boys) and supplemented his income by driving for political candidates, including Tom Tunnecliffe. In 1916 he went to Melbourne, lived with an aunt at Footscray and attended anti-conscription meetings. At 17 he began an apprenticeship as a pattern-maker in the Victorian Railways' workshops at Newport.

An enthusiastic sportsman, Shepherd swam and dived competitively, and played football with the Footscray and North Melbourne second XVIs. He was honorary secretary of the Footscray Swimming Club (1918-30), Footscray Football Club (1930) and Footscray District Football League (1933-45). In addition, he was a Victorian Football League umpire (for matches in the second division), and a judge and registrar of the Victorian Amateur Swimming Association. The F.F.C., F.D.F.L. and Victorian Football Union were to award him life memberships. At Ballarat East on 9 April 1927 he married with Presbyterian forms Beatrice Vera Hancock, a dressmaker. By 1929 they had their own home at Footscray. The nearby St Andrew's Presbyterian Church became the family's place of worship.

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This leading-hand pattern-maker, staunch member of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, indefatigable secretary, and family man, emerged as 'Labor's trump card' at the 1943 Footscray municipal election: 'The most prosperous city was that with the greatest number of contented individuals', Shepherd declared, 'and Labor stood for making the home life all that it should be'. He served five terms (mayor 1948-49) before retiring from the council in 1955 with an unrivalled reputation for assiduous attention to residents' concerns. A strong supporter of home-ownership as a stabilizing social and political influence, he was made a director (from 1945) of four district co-operative housing societies. He befriended and praised businessmen who lived in and contributed to the community from which they made their money; he supported post-war immigration, but drew attention to overcrowded schools and the housing shortage; and he worked hard to establish youth clubs and elderly citizens' centres.



An education trust, a bridge over the Maribyrnong River, a memorial garden at Maidstone and a reserve at Footscray Park were named after him

A non-smoker and teetotaler whose recreations were gardening and reading, Shepherd never owned a car, preferring to cycle, walk or use public transport. His plain style of living, approachability and network of friends stood him in good stead, and helped him to win the seat of Sunshine in the Legislative Assembly in 1945. Redistributions saw him move to the seats of Ascot Vale (1955) and Footscray (1958). He proved a tireless local member, renowned for innumerable silent acts of generosity. John Cain, the leader of the Australian Labor Party, groomed him as his successor and allocated him the education portfolio when Labor won government in December 1952. A hard-working minister, he revitalized his department's building programme, travelling widely to open new classrooms and schools, and to assess local needs. He retained the portfolio when Cain reorganized the government in March 1955, following the split in the A.L.P. 'No country could be over-run by Communism', Shepherd said while campaigning for the general election in May, 'if the people could be given a high standard of education, decent living conditions, an impartial press and the opportunity of home ownership'. His wife broadcast with him on radio-station 3KZ, extolling the government's progressive education policy.

The election result consigned Labor to Opposition. L. W. Galvin lost his seat and Shepherd succeeded him as deputy-leader. Although he deplored sectarianism, lamented the split and was devastated by

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the fracturing of lifelong friendships, his relations with local right-wingers remained cordial. On Cain's death in August 1957, Shepherd was unanimously elected leader. Opening Labor's 1958 election campaign at Footscray, he announced a 'family first' platform, promising improved employment, housing and schools. He repudiated attempts to link his party with communism and ascribed the A.L.P.'s defeat to the 'unity ticket' of the Democratic Labor Party and the Liberal and Country Party. While opening a youth centre in his electorate, he died suddenly of myocardial infarction on 12 September 1958 at West Footscray. He was accorded a state funeral and was cremated. His wife and their two daughters survived him.

Stockily built, quietly spoken, bespectacled and well groomed, 'Shep' was a disarmingly fair-minded Labor man propelled to party leadership in turbulent times. He earned considerable respect as a committeeman, a councillor, and a parliamentarian dedicated to the interests and welfare of the common man and the family. A staunch Empire loyalist who upheld the monarchy, Australia Day and the Anzac spirit, he was seen as an asset to a party accused of leftist extremism. He was a home-loving man whose parliamentary and ministerial duties undermined his uncertain health. An education trust, a bridge over the Maribyrnong River, a memorial garden at Maidstone and a reserve at Footscray Park were named after him."

<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/shepherd-alfred-ernest-ernie-11676>

On the eve of the biggest game of the year L. McCankie reported that the team is in good condition. The best team was available for the grand final and he was very confident about the outcome.

The second Grand Final between Parkside and Kingsville occurred on 7th September 1957. This time Parkside won the flag defeating Kingsville by 38 points. In one hand it was revenge for the loss in the 1943 Grand Final when Kingsville was the better side beating Parkside by 22 points.

Final score was:

Parkside 10.21.81 d. Kingsville 6.7.43



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"The final series at the oval attracted a big crowd, who were delighted with the standard of football.

WHITTEN FAVORS LOCAL LADS

Prior to the commencement of the main game, F.D.L. secretary Bert Dunne introduced Ted Whitten, F.F.C. captain-coach, to the spectators and players. Ted congratulated the winners of the League's best and fairest awards, Merv Beckett (A), Allen Saunders (B) and Ray Walker (C).

He stressed that there were plenty of class players available to the F.F.C. within the F.D.L. and it was committee's intention to give every opportunity to local lads in the future.



The financial result of the finals was outstanding, takings over both days amounting to £320, from which the cost of umpires and footballs £161 left a net profit of £159, the best since the inception of the League.

RESULTS

Parkside 10.21 d. Kingsville 6.7

Always on top, Parkside were 10 goals in front with 10 minutes to go in the final quarter, but when they took things easily, Kingsville scored four quick goals.

After many years of football it was the first premierships side that captain-coach Len McCankie had played in, and he was delighted with his club's success.

Jim Considine won the trophy for the best player, and others to do their full share were Beer, Hawkins, Lang, McCankie and Power. Goal-kickers: Barker 3, Cross 2, Hawkins 2, Considine.

The Mail, September 1957

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Social Secretary reported that players spent an enjoyable evening after the grand final game and premiership celebrations. R. Richards donated the value of 18 gallons of refreshment and T. Armstrong has donated the value of 9 gallons of refreshment.

R. Charles has donated refreshment for the trip.

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The Best and Fairest winners for 1957n season were: L. McCankie ("A" Grade), R. McNamara ("B" Grade) and B. Wright ("C" Grade)



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Len McCankie

"Len McCankie was just a shy 16-year-old with pimples senior debut with Footscray, late in the 1941 season. The Bulldogs played at the Lakeside Oval, McCankie lining up on a half-back flank.

He can't recall who he played on, or which team won, but well remembers it as a "pretty scary experience." "I don't think I slept at all the night before the game," he said. "But it was a great thrill, particularly being so young."

At the time, McCankie was the youngest Footscray player to crack it for a berth in the seniors — a fact he recalls with immense pride.

"A kid called Harry Skreja beat me a bit later on," he said. "He was a bit younger when he made his senior debut (in '69)."

McCankie remained in the senior team for the remainder of his time with the Bulldogs. He played 143 games before quitting the club after '50 season.

He oozed class on the football ground from a young age and seemed assured of developing into a league star. McCankie began his career with the Hyde St Primary School team. At age 13, he captained the Victorian schoolboys team in the Australian Championships. The youngster took on and beat all opponents and was awarded the J.L. Williams Medal for the best and fairest player during the carnival.

"Because of that business, Footscray always had me under notice," he said.

He spent two seasons with the North Footscray under-18s in the FDL before joining Footscray. The Bulldogs signed McCankie the minute Northerners official "Gundy" Wood notified them that he believed the lad was ripe for the big-time stuff

McCankie was a fearless footballer. Versatility was another strength, McCankie often alternating between stints on the ball and in key defensive positions. He always kept his eye on the football, sometimes to his detriment.

"I broke my collarbone once after running into a goal-post at Footscray," he said. "I had my eyes on the ball and was running back for the mark, and ... it just happened. I remember it was up the Barkly St end."

The Sporting Globe predicted a big future for a then 19-year-old McCankie in 1944: "McCankie is still almost a junior, in age, yet his football is characterised with the coolness of a veteran. He is game and his marking for a fellow lacking an inch in height is outstanding."

The following year, the Bulldogs offered McCankie, 20, the vice-captaincy. His appointment, at such a young age, may have surprised a few, but it summed up perfectly the esteem in which he was held at the club. He kept the position for five seasons.

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McCankie played in four finals series, Footscray unfortunately unable to get past the first semi-final on each occasion.

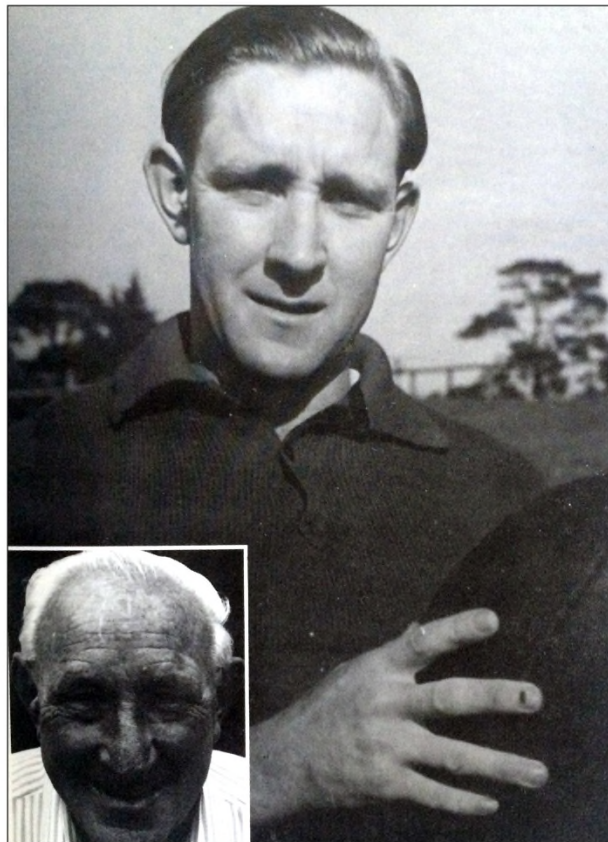
The loss to Melbourne in the '46 first-semi still bugs him. The Bulldogs led the Demons by a couple of goals with only a few minutes remaining, but fell in a hole to lose by three goals.

"I thought if we'd got over Melbourne, we possibly could have won the premiership?"

When the late Arthur Oliver stepped down as Footscray's captain/coach after the '50 season, McCankie believed he was a good bet to be the successor. But Charlie Sutton got the job. McCankie, his nose slightly out of joint, left the Bulldog kennel to captain/coach Tasmanian club North Hobart. He was 26. He stayed three seasons, captain/coaching the Tasmanian state side in the '53 Australian carnival.

McCankie later captain/coached Warrnambool (Hampden League), Welshpool (South Gippsland) and Parkside (Footscray District). He led Parkside to the '57 A1 premiership. Max Hawkins, the father of Footscray champion Doug, was a member of the victorious grand final side.

McCankie finished his official involvement in football back with the Bulldogs, as a committeeman and charman-of-selectors. He coached the reserves in '70 and '71."



Mark Buttler and Steven Milne, Sons of the 'Scray: Footscray's Finest 50, Self Published, 1994

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After the 1957 season, the club was in good financial shape. The turnover of the club for the season 1957 was a record sum of over £3000. The club was out of debt and had money in hand of £60.

At the start of the March 1958 there were twenty-four financial members.

Len McCankie was reappointed as player coach of Parkside Football Club on the same terms as in season 1957. R. Power was an assistant coach at the salary of £12 per week, R and Charles at the salary of £5 per week. L. Sellman was chosen again as non-playing coach for season 1958 on the same terms as in 1957 season.

The club rooms were painted and a working bee was held on Thursday, April 4th 1958.

The club had entered three teams in the F.D.F.L. including, Open Age, Under 18 and Under 16 teams.

St Albans Football Club was admitted to the District League.

The club accepted an invitation to participate in the Junior Lightning Premiership that was held in Bacchus Marsh in March 1958.

A practice match was arranged with Altona FC at home on April 12th.

Mrs Currie was invited to unfurl the premiership won in 1957 season.

Clearances were granted to B. Grattidge (Pahran), McMeilan (Fitzroy), K. Austin (Halls Gap). G. Harper (Yarraville).

Clearances were refused to V. Soraghan and K. Prior (West Footscray), I. Martin (Ascot Vale), W. Menzies (East Sunshine).

The club purchased guernseys from Footscray Sports Depot for £67.18.0.

F.D.F.L. initiated establishment of Accident Fund which was supported by Parkside Football Club.

Tom Lovett was injured in the practice match against Altona and the club paid hospital bills, expenses and reimbursed Lovett for time lost at work.

Committee decided that the dance at the club rooms finish no later than 1am and rooms are to be vacated at that time in all future occasions.

Parkside A team lost its first match for the 1958 season against Kingsville. The Coach reported that the team played badly but he was encouraged with the fact that plenty of players attended training and he expressed his optimism about the future.

Committee was informed that Footscray Football Club selectors will attend F.D.F.L. matches.

Barry Wright played 50th game for "C" Grade (U16) on Saturday May 17th 1958.

The "A" Team made significant improvement.

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N. Pinney suffered a broken leg in match against Spotswood and was on crutches for 6 weeks. Pinney was paid £10 per week during the recovery period.

This is the coaches' report presented to the committee on July 24th 1958. "A team had won its last two matches including a good win at Braybrook with a patched up team. List has been cut to 24 eligible players for finals, four of whom are injured."

It was stated that "player Roberts had teeth knocked out and will need a dental plate" and the club promised to assist with costs.

R. Cunningham advised the committee that he will be able to procure a radiogram for the dance party.



Radiograms in 1958

The committee conducted an effort to aid T. McKenna who was a member of the club providing an immediate donation of £6 per week and organising raffles to increase assistance. Prizes included a standard lamp, an overnight bag and 6 towels.

Alexandra (Victoria) was chosen as the annual trip's destination, from October 10th to 12th. The "C" grade (U16) travelled to Bacchus Marsh.

The club delegates reported on meeting of District League that was held at Western Oval. The District League officials and club representatives discussed a proposal regarding Sunday matches.

Parkside instructed club delegates to vote in favour of a complete round of "A" Grade matches be played on Sunday if Council permission is granted.

The last home match for the 1958 season was against Footscray & Yarraville Socials.

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On 21st August 1958, in the absence of the main coach Len McCankie, R. Power reported that "A" Grade won minor premiership and would play against Footscray & Yarraville Socials in the semi-final. He expressed confidence that the team would win the grand final,

Best and Fairest winners for the 1958 season were:

"A" Grade - **J. Considine**

"B" Grade - **G. Pope**

"C" Grade - **B. Wright**

After winning the "A" Grade semi-final match against Footscray & Yarraville Socials Len McCankie reported that "all players are available for Grand Final and is hopeful of another premiership."

However, in the 1958 Grand Final Spotswood made the Pies pay for a lack of accuracy in the decider.

Spotswood defeated Parkside by four points.

Spotswood 10.7.67 d. Parkside 9.9.63



Parkside Football Club "A Grade" - Runners Up 1958

Back Row: R. Gregory, ..?, H. Pascarl, C. Petsail, J. Lord

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Standing: B. O'Donnell, T. McKenna, N. Pinney, J. Acreman, R. Close, P. Hun, T. Lovett, D. Kelly, J. Considine, C. Cooke, R. Power, E. O'Keefe, I. Sweeney, R. Conn, N. Collings, R. Cunningham, F. Grubb, R. Henry

Seated: L. Watt, F. Lang, L. Coon, E. Phillips, R. Beer, L. McCankie, R. Cunningham, F. Grubb,

Front Row: M. Hawkins, F. Acocks, B. Watt, K. Cross, B. Hurst



L. Coon

L. Coon was a leading Footscray District Football League goalkicker in the 1958 season booting 77 goals.

In September 1958, Alfred Ernest (Ernie) Shepherd passed away. He was a great community leader and politician, the first Parkside premiership coach in F.D.F.L. , Honorary secretary of Footscray Football Club(1930) and Footscray District Football League (1933-45). A.E. Shepherd was a life member of Footscray Football Club and the F.D.F.L.

A minute silence was held in memory of the late A.E. Shepherd during the club committee meeting that was held on September 18th 1958. R. Charles informed the committee that he had sent a wreath to the funeral of the late A.E. Shepherd on behalf of the club. It was pointed out that the "club make available a trophy each year and such trophy to be known as "A.E. Shepherd Memorial Trophy."

We saw, on a brighter side that Footscray and the broader community embraced the formation of the Footscray Technical College in 1958.



Footscray Technical College (1958)

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"Footscray Technical College was established in 1958, when Footscray Technical School was renamed in line with Education Department reforms to technical schools. At this time, the Education Department created hierarchies of technical schools within designated regions. Footscray Technical College was designated as a 'feeder' school, meaning all technical schools in the region sent their senior students to FTC, and looked to the College for guidance and leadership.

Although the College continued with a focus on engineering and trades, courses were expanded in areas such as management and commerce, and the first female day (commerce) students were enrolled in 1960. At this time, the College offered a range of qualifications, from junior trade school certificates to diplomas. Trades continued to be an important focus, with annual "Craftsmanship in Industry" displays held during the 1950s and 60s."

<http://libraryguides.vu.edu.au/vu-archives/footscray-technical-college>

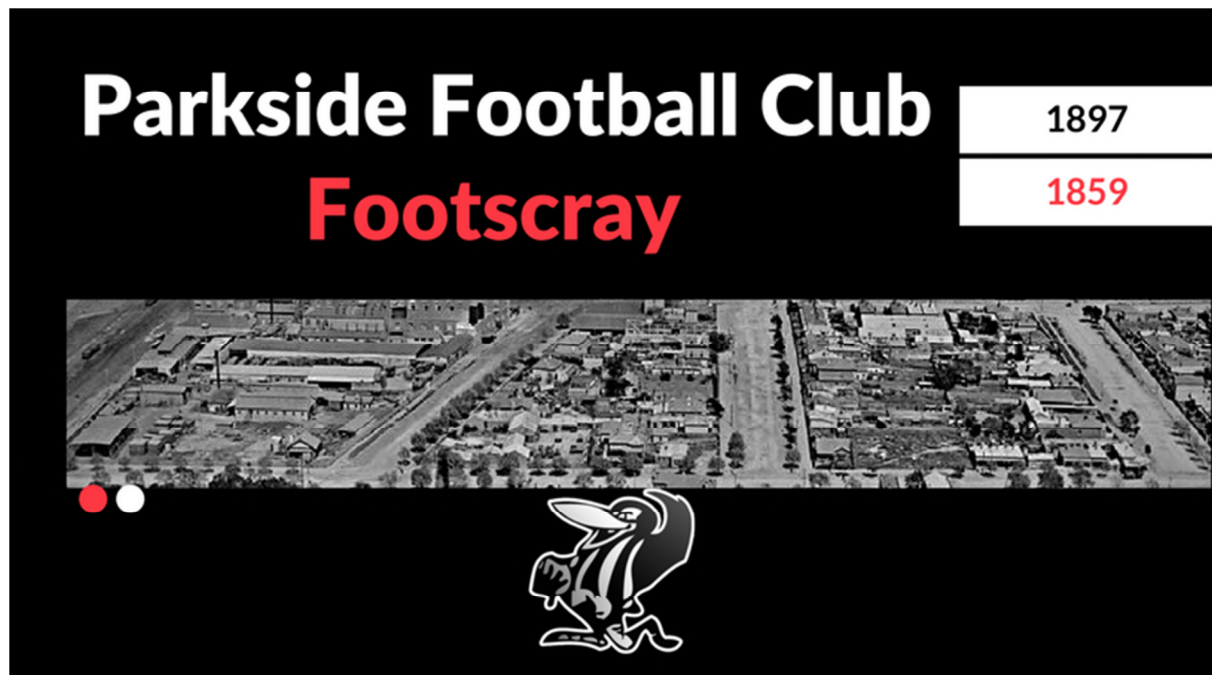
Significant events in Australia for the year 1958

- Monash University is founded in Melbourne, Victoria
- QANTAS international services commence
- Construction of Australia's largest man-made lake, Lake Eucumbene on the Eucumbene River in the Snowy Mountains, is completed
- Melbourne: Thousands of Greek men riot when the bridal ship Castel Felice is 9 hours late
- Sydney: Poet Hugh Macrae dies, aged 81
- Brisbane: 200,000 turn out to greet the Queen Mother
- Sydney: 2UE publishes first Australian Top 40 chart
- NSW: Australia's biggest reservoir, Lake Eucumbene, is completed
- Dublin: New world record for the mile as runner Herb Elliott clocks in at 3 mins 54.5 secs
- Adelaide: Antarctic explorer, Sir Douglas Mawson, dies at the age of 76
- Tooma Gorge: The 27-year-old wreckage of the Southern Cloud passenger plane is discovered in the Snowy Mountains
- Canberra: Menzies Government wins fifth term
- Melbourne: ICI Building opens in Melbourne. It is the tallest building in Australia
- The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) opens
- The ANZAC Day Act 1958 receives Royal Assent, making ANZAC Day (25 April) a national public holiday in Australia.



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In January 1959, J. Acreman informed committee that the club's debt increased rapidly. The debts due by the club were £212. In fact, the club finances were in dire straits, a debt increased to £292 in February 1959.

It was concluded that the trip to Canadian Bay which occurred in December 1958 was well attended and proved a success.

H. Parscarl presented a written nomination for Ron Charles to be admitted as a Life Member.

The coaching position of each grade was advertised.

Again, the club had entered three teams in the F.D.F.L.

L. Sellman was appointed as coach of "B" team, C. Cooke and F. Acocks were chosen as "C" Grade coaches.

The process of selecting "A" team coach proved to be much more complex and lengthier than expected.

The club committee proposed the plan of approaching Jock Spencer, formerly of North Melbourne (full-forward in North Melbourne's official 'Team of the Century'). Rex Close applied for that position requesting a salary of £6.0.0 per week. L. Coon sent his application for position of coach of "A" Grade on an honorary basis. R. Power retained his interest for a particular position, asking a salary of £4.0.0 per week. After much discussion it was decided that R. Power was appointed at a salary of

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£3.0.0 per week and was advised that if the financial position of the club can afford it at the end of the season the club will pay the extra £1.0.0 per week

Mr Power was pleased with the attendance at the club's first training for the 1959 season.

The club made a profit of £46 at a barbecue that was held in March 1959.

L. Sellman, the coach of "B" team reported that he had 38 players training and he expressed confidence that team will be hard to beat.

Sunshine Football Club pulled out from the F.D.F.L. thus creating a Bye in A and B grades.

Clearances were granted to T. Lovett to (Langi Kal Kal), A. Lee (Colac Imperials), D'Arcy (Maidstone), F. Lang (Newport) and S. Gilbee (Werribee Districts)

The "A" team opened the season with a good win against Braybrook. Power reported that new players were settling pretty well and he said that "hopes are high for a good season."

A discussion took place concerning the Annual Ball. It was agreed that the most suitable date was Friday, 26th June 1959. Secretary was directed to book Kensington Town Hall for the particular date.

Band had been engaged for the Ball at cost of £24 (8pm to 2am).

The "B" Grade was held a dance at Progress Hall on Saturday 23rd May 1959.

The "A" Grade players N. Cooke and R. Henry had received permission to hold special effort at the Railway Hotel each alternate Thursday.

It was stated that a coach was booked from W. Butler for trip to Maryborough. Cost was £40 and £2.0.0 licence fee and accommodation for driver.

N. Collings informed the club that was not available for "A" Grade for remainder of the 1959 season because he was appointed as association goal umpire panel.

Club's delegates at F.D.F.L. were instructed to vote against of increased fees for "A" Grade field umpires.

Cooke reported that the club rooms had again were entered and a number of football taken.

The amount of matches required for eligibility of players was reduced to five.

The club received a letter from Spotswood FC thanking club for the loan of guernseys.

"In the absence of R. Power, C. Cooke reported that after two good wins the same old trouble arose when playing weaker teams, some players did not turn up and consequently four points were lost against North Footscray."

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A representative match was played at Footscray oval on July 19th 1959 in aid of Footscray Hospital.



"A combined Footscray District League team turned on excellent football to be beaten by only 11 points by a Footscray 18 in a charity match at the Western Reserve on Sunday. The attendance was good and a £47 gate will go to Footscray Hospital. Outstanding in the junior side were Bailey, McInnes (Braybrook) and Ellior, Short (Spotswood). Also prominent was Ken Duff, a Parkside ruckman who has been signed by Footscray."

The club purchased a medallion and present same to B. Wright and K. Duff to commemorate their selection in the interstate team that played in South Australia.

"Unless Parkside can topple the competition leaders, Footscray and Yarraville Socials, in the last home-and-home round this Saturday they are almost to miss out on making the Footscray District League finals."

The Mail, July 1959



"In a thrilling finish to the battle for positions in the Footscray League A Grade final four, Parkside on Saturday scraped into the finals by downing Socials, previously undefeated for the season."

"It was an outstanding example of football's "glorious uncertainty." Parkside were in fourth position and faced a cut-throat match against the undefeated leaders, while Kingsville, lying fifth, were pitted against the bottom side, Maidstone."

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It was odds-on that Kingsville would gain a place in the finals, as Parks looked to have little hope of downing the formidable Socials.

They did the trick, however, not merely scraping home, but romping in by nine goals.

The fashion in which Parkside "turned it on" at the right time had a real Collingwood flavour. And, fittingly they wear the same black and white uniform as the Magpies"

Parkside 14.7 d. F & Y Socials 5.9

Parkside combined evenly for a convincing win, and goals came from K. Cross 3, B. O'Keefe 3, R. Duff 2, T. Davenport 2, L. Coon, J. Considine, B. Phillips and J. Grubb.

How Clubs Finished 1959 Home and Away Season

A Grade
F. & Y. Socials, 64 (225.3); Seddon, 56 (130.6); Spotswood, 52 (165.6); Parkside, 52 (160.2); Kingsville, 50 (171.7); Braybrook, 32 (109.8); West Footscray, 32 (91.8); St. Albans, 26 (105.1); North Footscray, 16 (51.3); West Newport, 16 (40.4); Maidstone, 8 (39.7).

B Grade
Braybrook, 64 (399.6); West Footscray, 60 (376.6); Parkside, 60 (308.1); St. Albans P.Y.C., 48 (220.8); Kingsville, 40 (150.2); F. & Y. Socials, 40 (148.7); Spotswood, 40 (128.4); North Footscray, 20 (51.5); West Newport, 16 (33.9); Seddon, 16 (14.1); Maidstone, 4 (12.2).

C Grade
Spotswood, 68 (432); Braybrook, 64 (379.7); F.F.C. Fourths, 58 (532.9); West Footscray, 54 (267.9); Sunshine, 44 (171.7); F.T.S.O.B., 32 (84.4); F. & Y. Socials, 28 (82.2); North Footscray, 28 (64.5); St. Albans P.Y.C., 28 (55.7); I.C.L., 24 (80.7); Kingsville, 20 (54.4); Parkside, 16 (45.2); Seddon, 4 (31.9); West Newport, 4 (10.0).

"Semi-finals to be played on Saturday are:

A Grade

Socials v. Seddon (Pennell reserve),

Spotswood v. Parkside (Hanmer reserve);

B Grade

Braybrook v. West Footscray (Angliss reserve), Parkside v. St Albans, (Kensington Reserve). The senior games begin at 2.30 and C Grade finals commence at 10 a.m."

John Lord again won "A" Grade boundary umpire award with maximum votes of 48 points.

R. Power reported on "A" Grade loss in the first semi-final and advised that team credited club in fighting game.

Reporter for the Mail wrote that, "In a very even, hard fought game, Spotswood's accuracy and determination were telling factors."

Final scores: **Spotswood 8.12. (60) d. Parkside 6.15. (51)**

In a very even, hard-fought game, Spotswood's accuracy and determination were telling factors. The best for the winners were Meville, Spivey, Minnie Short, Schmidt, Barker, Elliott and Lamont, while scorers were Short 2, Barker 2, Hughes, Ratcliffe, Mitchell and Briggs. Parkside's best were Considine, Cooke, Dingle, Coon and Phillips, and Cross 3, Considine 2 and Grubb scored goals.

A Grade.—F. & Y. Socials 12.9 (81) d. Seddon 7.9 (51); Spotswood 8.12 (60) d. Parkside 6.15 (51).

B Grade.—Braybrook 9.15 (59) d. West Footscray 5.9 (29); Parkside 17.16 (118) d. St. Albans P.Y.C. 3.12 (30).

SECONDS
First Semi-Final:
Braybrook 9.15 d. West Footscray 5.9
Second Semi-Final:
Parkside 17.16 d. St. Albans 3.12
West Footscray's best were Swaine, Flanagan, Tucker, Briggs and Urvil, while goals were scored by Swaine 3, Bult and Urvil.
In an evenly-balanced Parkside side goals were scored by Mastin 3, Maloney 3, Banes 3, Stephen 2, Roberts 2, Wright and Parkinson.

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Mr O'Keefe reported on "B" Grade semi-final win and advised that team is confident of outcome of finals.

Secretary reported that a trip was arranged for "C" Grade (U16) to Bacchus Marsh on September 6th 1959 and the club provided £5.0.0 towards cost of trip.

Best and Fairest for the 1959 Season:

"A" Grade – K. Cross

"C" Grade - C. Bendelle

financial members of the Parkside Football Club during 50's

Donated By.		GRADE.	
MR. LES. CHEESEMAN. ✓	£2-2-0.	"A"	
MR. ERIC. O'KEEFE ✓	£1-1-0	"B"	
MR. ERIC GILES ✓	WALLET	"A"	
MR. JACK SKATES ✓			
MR. H. BUTT. ✓	£1-1-0	"B"	
MR. L. SELLMAN ✓	£1-1-0		
MR. P. B. DIXON ✓	ROSE BOWL	"C"	
MR. R. POWER ✓	1-1-0	"C"	
MR. BILL DREVER ✓		"A"	
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MR. SAM ALEXANDER ✓	£5-5-0	"A"	
MR. MURRAY BOURKE ✓	£1-1-0		
MR. BILL DOBBIE ✓	£2-2-0		
MR. FRED CURRIE ✓	2 ELECTRIC RAZORS	"A" & "B"	

C. Financial Members	
1 G. LOWE	ST
2 L. BAILLAM	ST
3 P. FALLA	ST
4 C. BENDELLE	ST
5 B. MAYNE	ST
6 P. MEAGER	ST
7 T. STANLEY	ST
8 A. WILLIS	ST
9 A. WHITTLE	ST
10 G. KNOTT	ST
11 R. WHEELER	ST
12 G. ELLIS	ST
13 C. SHORT	ST
14 P. HIRD	ST
15 A. LAGGERTY	ST
16 R. FALLA	ST
17 T. ARMSTRONG	ST
18 B. ROGERS	ST
19 R. BARR	ST
20 C. PIETRELLI	
21 T. NEED	
22 R. GRANT	ST
23 A. ODEA	ST
24 R. STEPHENS	?

It could be said that Parkside enjoyed a relatively successful the 1959 season, but the same cannot be said for the Footscray Bulldogs. "In 1959 Footscray City turned 100 years of age, however unfortunately 1959, the Centenary Year was not a successful one for the Bulldogs. "For the first time

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in its V.F.L. history the club finished last on the premiership ladder, with only 3 wins in 18 games”
That was a terrible conclusion to a great story, 100 years and a wooden spoon for its football team.

“” <http://www.fnwb.com.au/heritage/footscray-books/>



“One hundred years ago, when Footscray was first proclaimed a municipality, it was a small village of 400 white pioneers, subsisting on the stone quarries and surrounded by virgin bush, in which the aborigines, emus and kangaroos roamed.

Today, with a population of 64,000, it is the pre-eminent manufacturing suburb of Melbourne and the focal point of the pulsating, great western area of the metropolis.

The centenary of local government in Footscray on June 10 this year can be celebrated therefore with immense pride in the past and supreme confidence in the future. “

The Mail, June 1959



“An estimated 25000 people lined Footscray streets on Monday for the biggest, gayest procession the city has ever seen. The parade was a highlight of the city's centenary celebrations.

Organised by Footscray Junior Chamber of Commerce, the parade proved to be a “miniature Moomba,” It had all the color, variety and attraction of Melbourne's glamor procession.”

Footscray Advertiser, June 15, 1959

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Parksiders demonstrated that being formidable and resilient requires that you can endure all sort of challenges.

Dispute regarding the club's rooms between Parkside FC and Harry Bryce, a successful Parkside president, who was noticeably advocating interests of the Footscray Boys/Youth Club and who actually underestimated social impacts and importance of football for a local community, was finally resolved by Parkside Football Club a strong determination to build a new rooms for football club..

Pascarl remembers that, *"with council permission, we built the other old shed into club rooms better than the first shed we modified. I mention these two sheds that we turned into club rooms because they took a lot of hard work to make presentable.*

Then more bad luck, the second of these rooms we built were burnt to the ground and so once again the Club was without club rooms.

We once again were granted permission to build but this time built with bricks, concrete floor, and change room for two teams, showers, toilets for men and women and a small social room. All this was done with borrowed money.

When this building was finished, good windows, newly painted with tables and chairs, we had, in our opinion, the best club rooms in the Footscray District Football League. Over the years, we added another section and then they were flooded when the Maribyrnong River overflowed and that season, the Club played on Dobson Reserve ground."



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R. Power and R. Cunningham were elected Life Members through their service of 10 years as playing members of the club.

F. Currie was elected unopposed as Club President for the 1960 year.

The club entered three teams in Footscray District Football League.

It was specified that Mr Coats, former Parkside player had opened a gymnasium in Kingsville Street and that members were welcome.

A raffle was run at Railway Hotel each alternate Thursday and assistance was needed to dispose of tickets.



Railway Hotel, Anderson Street, Yarraville (1959)

The committee have made a decision that a levy of £2 had to be imposed on any committeeman who fails to attend meeting without notifying the secretary that he is unavailable.

The following committee members were appointed delegates to the F.D.F.L.: C. Cooke, J. Lord and R. Power.

The club tried to obtain permission to run a weekly raffle at Railway Hotel.

Training was commenced on Tuesday, 8th March 1960.

The following applications were received for position of coach of "A" Grade:

- D. Whitecross (playing) £6 per week.
- R. Power (playing), £3 per week.
- G. Fisher (playing), £5 per week
- D. Lentin (playing), expenses
- L. Coon (playing), committee's decision

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B. Rickards (playing) £5 per week

The Committee agreed that final selection of coach had to be by secret ballot. After lengthy discussion the selection of coach was narrowed to Power and Rickards and on a vote Mr B. Rickards was appointed coach for season 1960 at a salary of £5 per week. The appointment was made conditional upon the following:

- Mr Rickards should play Sunday football
- Incurs an injury
- This salary will not be paid for any week should he not play with the club

Mr Sellman and Mr Acocks were elected as new playing coaches of B and C Grade teams respectively.

Clearances were granted to Kevin McCarthy (North Footscray) and Peter Parkinson to Vespa Football Club. Clearances were refused to McRae to Braybrook, M. Russell to Altona, R. Dunne to Braybrook and G. Cox to Footscray 4th.

The club had purchased a table tennis set for club at price of £6.

The Cabaret Ball tickets were ordered and the price per ticket was £1.10.0

House party was held at 60 Napier Street on May 28th 1960.

In June 1960, B. Rickards reported that "A" team was playing without system and consequently losing matches.

The Loyal Studley Social Club wished to participate in club's barbeque event that was held in June 1960. Proceeds were shared on 50/50 basis.

The club spent £7.50 on a barbeque meat that was purchased from Metropolitan Meat Market.



Metropolitan Meat Market and the Metropolitan Hotel

C. Cooke reported on "A" Grade team, in absence of Mr Rickards. He said that team performance was very disappointing, claiming that coach not getting any support at training.

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It was reported that annual trip arrangement was made to go to Benalla. Booking was made for September 23rd 1960 at cost of £4.15.0 per head.

Social secretary reported that Bus for trip to Benalla was booked with Capital Roadlines at cost of £50, plus driver's accommodation.



Capital Roadlines Bus (Melbourne. 1960s)

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"PARKSIDE FOOTBALL CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT SEASON 1960

To the Members

Ladies & Gentlemen

On behalf of the Committee I submit the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for season 1960.

Reporting on the balance sheet you will note that the Club still has a deficit of £47 (02/11/1960) and that the amount is in excess of last season due mainly through lack of members and the failure of Social events throughout the Football Season. Social events arranged through last season were attended by the same few people and whether this was due to lack of success on the field or poor organisation must be brought to a head.

Senior Membership dropped from 52 in 1959 to 33 in 1960 mainly due to the disruption of the special efforts conducted on Sunday mornings through the season although I am pleased to report that this special effort is functioning much more smoothly at present.

An all-out effort must be made to re kindle the interest of previous members and donors or otherwise the Club will be in a precarious position financially.

Reporting on the performances of the respective teams the Club had a rather disappointing year.

The First 18 under new Coach Brian Rickards started off on the wrong foot and never got into stride. In the first seven matches played, five games were lost by less than six points and consequently some players lost interest.

However things look much brighter for the ensuing season and the Committee expects Brian to reap some reward for an arduous and to him what must have been a disappointing first year. I would like at this point to convey my personal thanks to Brian for a job well done.

The Second XVIII (Reserves) had another very good year and finished in 14th position being eliminated in the first semi-final by the ultimate premiers Braybrook Less Sellman again had charge of the team and although he did not have the quantity of the players as in the previous season he made very good use of the material available.

The Third XVIII under Fred Acocks had a most successful season and credit must be given to Fred in steering his young and inexperienced team into the final 4 for the first time. Fred had a few good players and a lot of small players who all teamed well together and must give Fred encouragement for the coming season.

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As reported earlier, on the whole the Social functions were poorly attended, the exception being the Cabaret Ball which although a Social Success was not a financial success. The Committee in their wisdom decided that the 1st & 2nd XVIII combine on the Annual Trip and the venue was Benalla. This decision was made in the hope that it would bring the younger players to meet the elder players and vice-versa, but unfortunately it did not succeed as only 21 members made the trip. The members that did make the trip had a most enjoyable time and congratulations go to the trip managers.

With respect to the off season Brian Rickards took over the helm of leader of Social Activities and must be praised for the work he had done in this regard. A feature being the cricket matches arranged and the trip to Canadian Bay which was a great success.

In appreciation the Club desires to record its appreciation to the following:

- *to the Boundary and goal umpires, timekeepers and managers of each team*
- *the Coaches and Selection Committees of each team*
- *the District league representatives*
- *John Lord our treasurer for the concise way in which the position of the Club's finances can be readily obtainable*
- *Mrs. O'Keefe for the use of her home throughout the year*
- *the Donors although few in number your assistance was greatly appreciated and I trust that you will again be with us for the ensuing season.*

The Club would like to offer its congratulations to the following:

- *the trophy winners of the Club in particular the Best & Fairest winners in each grade being Gary Johnson, Barry Wright and Colin Bendolle.*
- *the premier teams in each grade namely Footscray & Yarraville Socials, Braybrook Spotswood and Seddon*
- *Eric O'Keefe on his nomination as a Life Member*
- *last but not least to Mr. H. Pascal who travels from Fitzroy, each second Thursday to chair the Committee meetings and render his advice in complicated matters.*

Trusting that I have not omitted anyone in the Clubs, appreciations and congratulations I wish to remark on the Clubs prospects for Season 1961."

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PRESIDENT H. PASCARE *electd & unopposed*

SECRETARY C. COOKE

TREASURER J. LERO

VICE PRESIDENTS
L. CHEESEMAM J. ARREMAN R. CHARLES
E. O'KEEFE B. RICHARDS.

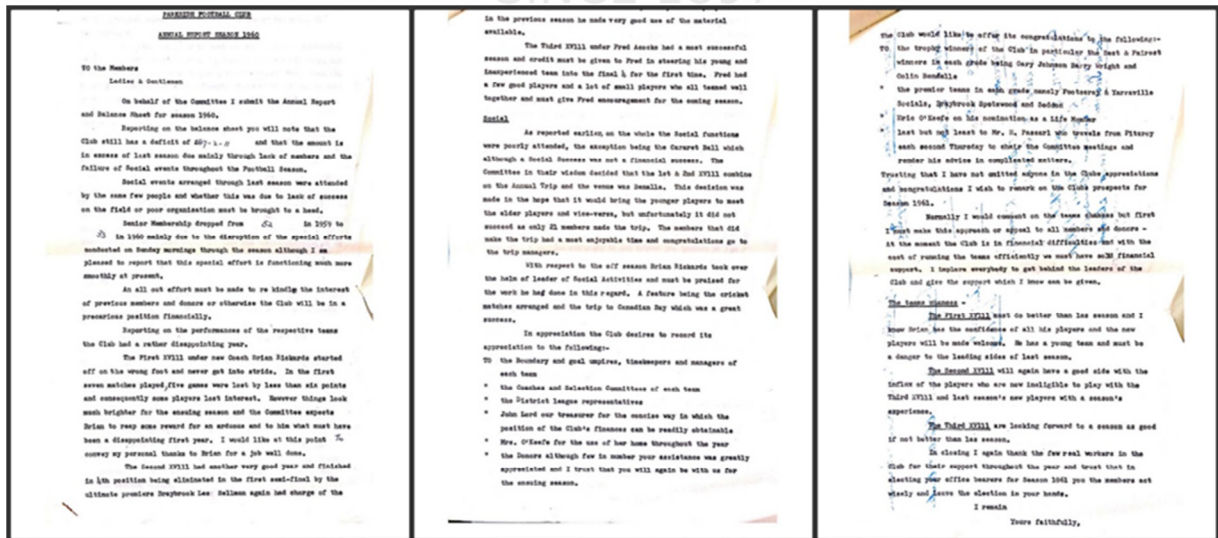
COMMITTEE R. Gregory M^o O'Keefe
B. Richards R. Buer I. Davis E. O'Keefe
K. Gross R. Johnson Kempell

SOCIAL SECRETARY G. WRIGHT *electd unopposed*

Auditors Messrs Buer & Arreman

Treasurers Messrs Charles & Cooke

Assistant Secretary



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15/12/60

I hereby nominate Mr E O'Keefe
for Life Membership of the
Parkside F. Club.

Nominator H. Pourcail
Seconded. *[Signature]*

1961

Picnic to Canadian Bay was held on Sunday 12th February.

Secy. H. Cross
 Seribary Mauda R Gregory Sec R Charlton
 C. Cooke unopposed
 Treasurer J Lord Mauda R Charlton Sec H Cross
 J Lord unopposed
 Social Seribary G Wright Mauda B Bleyay Sec J Cross
 nominated
 Committee R Gregory Mauda R Charlton H Cross
 A OKeefe " C Cooke R OKeefe
 B Richards " E OKeefe M Bann
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 H Cross C Cooke M Bann
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 J Langrell
 J Johnson A OKeefe R Gregory
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 Vice President J Bleyay C Cooke J Lord
 J Anna B Bleyay G Wright
 R Charlton E OKeefe R Bleyay
 E OKeefe J Lord C Cooke
 Sec S OKeefe
 Auditor R Bann J Anna
 Mauda C Cooke Sec E OKeefe

Mr A.W. Abbey, President of F.D.F.L. from 1963-1966 and Jim Miller, President of Footscray Football Club between 1963 and 1966 have addressed the club's committee during the 64th annual meeting which was held on Sunday, February 26th 1961. They addressed club's committee and they extended the best wishes from the Footscray Football Club for the coming season, and expressed hope that boys from the Parkside FC and the district league, would come to Footscray to play with that club.

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The club delegates were instructed to vote against motion submitted by St Albans Football Club to F.D.F.L. in regard to age groups within district competition. It was proposed that the age eligibility for players to compete in "B" and "C" Grade increase as follows:

"B" Grade from under 18 to under 20 years and "C" Grade from under 16 to under 17 years.

Delegates to F.D.F.L. were appointed as follows:

"A" Grade – R. Power, "B" Grade – J. Lord, "C" Grade – C. Cooke

R. Johnson was appointed as a manager for "A" Grade team.

It was reported that the normal Good Friday effort was held.

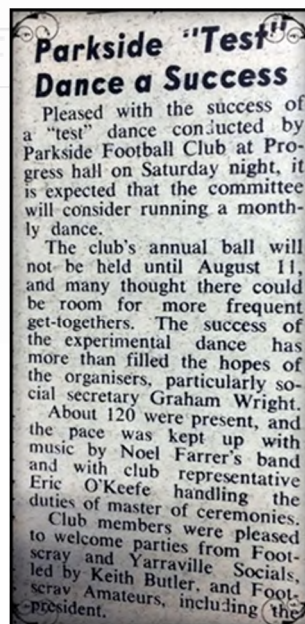
A smoke night was held on 14th April 1961.

The club organised a successful Barbecue event with catering as follows: 40 chops and 100 sausages at price of £1 per serve.

The Club received a letter from Yarraville Football Club requesting players.

B. Rickards, the coach of "A" Grade team reported that the position of the team at the start of the new 1961 season was 100% improvement on last season and he said that he was looking forward to a good season. Mr Rickards suggested that the following selectors should be appointed; for "A" Grade: Power, Johnson, Lord, Cooke and Rickards.

A dance was held at club rooms on night of 1st match.



Parkside, Spotswood and Albion were undefeated after first two rounds, in the 1961 season.

Parkside's best players in win against the West Footscray were: Kevin Cross who booted a tally of 9.2, Gregory, R. Cunningham, R. Sorraghan, B. Moloney, B. Rickards and A. Ferris.

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Maintaining an unbeaten run, Parkside accounted for North Foortscray in a rugged game. Best players were Wright, Considine and Baker. Parkside 13.13 d. N. Foortscray 8.7

In round four, Spotswood downed previously undefeated Parkside by nine points. It was an even tussle, Parkside had outstanding players in Harper, Ferris and Considine.

Parkside had a four-goal win over Kingsville, and players contributing to success were Hodges, Robinson and Falconer.

In round six Braybrook lost to Parkside. Park's best were O'Donnell, Considine and Cross. Parkside 11.12 d. Braybrook 5.9

Parkside 9.12 d. St Albans 5.5

In big win against W. Newport, L. Coon scored 7 goals and Ferris 5.

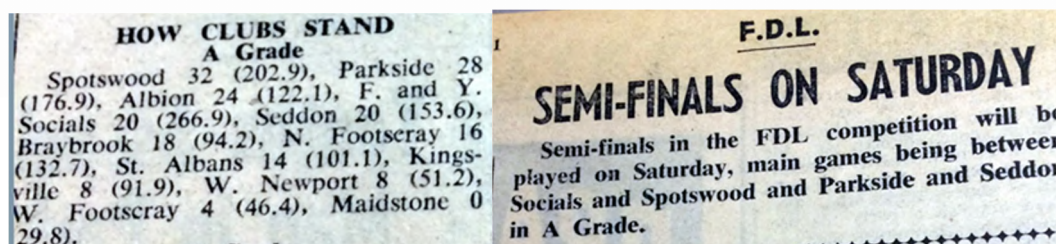
Parkside 23.20 d. W. Newport 7.12



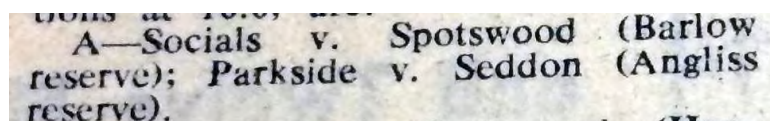
The Mail, July 1961

In August 17th 1961, Parkside was too strong for Maidstone. B. Rickards notched seven goals in big win. Parkside 28.14 d. Maidstone 2.5

Parkside, Spotswood and Socials each finished home-and-away season with 56 points each.



The Mail, 24 August, 1961

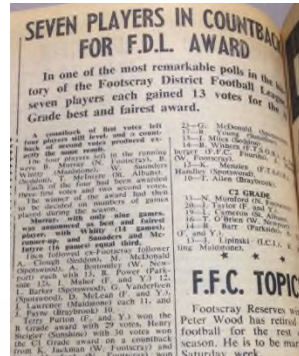


Semi-finals fixture for 1961 season

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"In one of the most remarkable polls in the history of the Footscray District Football League, seven players each gained 13 votes for the "A" Grade best and fairest award."



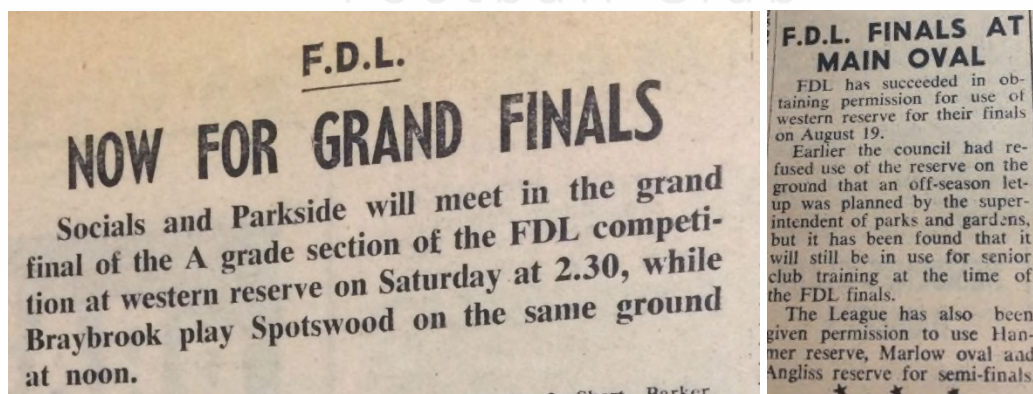
The Mail, 31 August 1961

Parkside won its way into preliminary finals after convincingly defeating Seddon.

Parkside 15.18 d. Seddon 9.8

Midway through the last quarter Seddon tired and Parkside went right away. Best players, with goals scored, for Parkside were Moloney (1), Gregory, Bendelli, Kavanagh, Ferris (4), Baner (4) and Baker. Others to score were Cross (3), Rickards and Considine.

Although they played improved football in the second half, Spotswood were unable to counter a determined Parkside, who won by 20 points. Park's outstanding players were Gregory, Bendelle, Cunningham, Wright, Consodine, Russell, Moloney and Baker.



The 1961 grand final was a one-sided game. F & Y Socials won premiership after compellingly defeated Parkside.

Final scores were: F & Y Socials 11.17.83 d. Parkside 5.11.41

B. Rickards reported that he was dissatisfied in not winning premiership. He said that "if players stay with club and young members come up from "B" Grade then club should have good season in 1962."

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Parkside football players and committee members had a successful trip to Horsham.

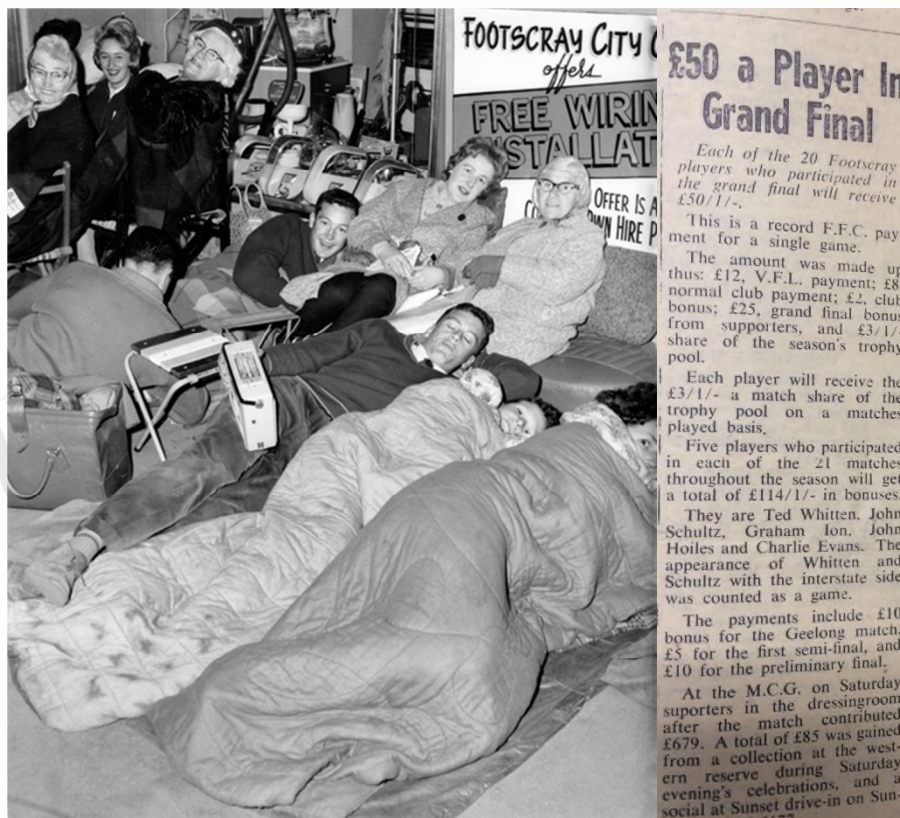
The 1961 Presentation Night was held on Friday November 10th.

Best and Fairest winners were:

"A" Grade – J. Considine

"B" Grade – M. Russell

"C" – R. Barr



Footscray supporters queue to buy 1961 VFL Grand Final tickets outside Turner's Sports Store in Nicholson Street, Footscray.



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1962

The first committee meeting was held on Friday, February 2nd 1962. Mr Pascarl nominated R. Gregory and John Lord as Life Members of the Parkside Football Club.

Parkside played a cricket match against Albert Social Club on Sunday, February 4th.

Once more, three teams entered in F.D.F.L. for a new 1962 season, "A" Open age, "B" U18 and "C" U16. A cricket matches were held against Essex Socal Club and Morning Star.

F.D.F.L. awarded extra prize money to Premier teams in in FDFL.

The image shows four copies of a 'Footscray District Football League' form, arranged in a 2x2 grid. Each form is a yellowed, aged document with handwritten entries. The forms are addressed to 'Hon. Secretary, Parkside F.C. Football Club' and contain sections for 'MATCH OF', 'LEAGUE MEETING OF', and 'FINES'. The forms are dated '28-4-62' and '25-8-62'. The forms are signed by 'A. E. DUNNE, Hon. Secretary'.

Fines paid by Parkside to FDFL -1962 season

The 1962 season was set for 28th April, for "A", "B" and "C" Grades, ending on Saturday, 25th August.

Finals were planned for the period from September 1st to September 15th.

B. Rickards was reappointed as coach of "A" team at a salary of £5 per week. Training commenced on Tuesday 13th March and he reported that approximately six new players joined the team.

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Fiesta Hall was booked for a dance party subjected to the payment of £20 deposit.



Kevin Gibson ran the much-loved Fiesta Bingo Hall in Paisley Street, Footscray

F.D.F.L. was held a Pennant Sunday Morning on 20th May 1962.

The price of refreshment at the dance on 15th May was determined on size of jugs.

L. Coon, the "A" Grade player was suspended after alleged involvement in an incident during practice match.

Mr. Les Bills, F.D.L. secretary said, just days before the start of the 1962 season, that never before had they commenced a season with such bright prospects. He anticipated that in all four divisions there will be close contests.

The Parks won their first game of the 1962 season against the Kingsville. Parkside 9.8 d. Kingsville 7.7. Parkside's best were: G. Pope, M. Russell (4), B. Rickards, A. Ferris (3), B. O'Donnell and M. Kelly.

With 20 points each, Socials and Parkside headed the premiership list in the FDL "A" Grade, after fifth round.

Three Parkside players represented the club in Adelaide playing for FDFL selection, they were; G. Banes, T. Dudgeon and G. Pope.

B. Rickards reported on players who represented FDFL in Adelaide stressing that G. Pope was awarded two trophies as best player.



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Social secretary described that Ball was a great social success although run at a loss.

B.B.Q. was held on September 1st at 10 Harry Street, Maidstone.

The "B" team player L. Falla required an operation on his nose and he needed assistance towards medical expenses.

"With four matches to be played in FDFL A Grade section, composition of the final four is still in doubt. Both Spotswood and Kingsville are only one game ahead of Albion. Parkside still remain undefeated after 13 games"

The Mail, 2 August 1962



It was reported that function was held on Friday, 21st July 1962 at Builders Arms Hotel.



Builders Arms Hotel

"The Builders Arms Hotel is a landmark public house on Gertrude Street, Fitzroy. Built in a time of prosperity, it opened in 1853 and has been a meeting place of significance ever since.

Fitzroy was an important commercial zone in the 1850s. Due to its rapidly growing population, 33 new liquor licenses were issued for public houses in the area in that decade alone. Through the decade earlier, seven hotels catered for Fitzroy's population of 600.

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The Builders Arms Hotel has long been a significant site for Melbourne's Aboriginal community and is part of the Fitzroy Aboriginal heritage walking trail. A plaque on the pub's façade reads:

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<http://buildersarmshotel.com.au/past-present/>

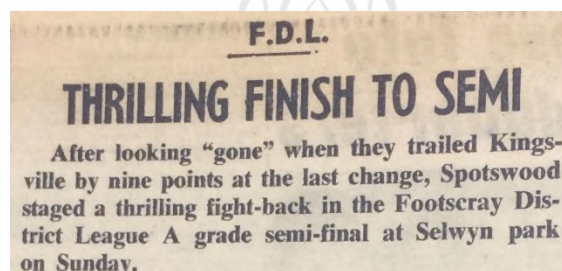
On 2nd August 1962, B. Rickards informed committee that "A" Grade team "continues with success and retains unbeaten record." He stressed that he is very pleased with team.

Parkside ended 1962 home-and-away season with a game against Socials, defeating them by 17 points. Parkside 10.11 d. Socials 8.6

Best for Parkside were Gregory, Pope and Ferris.

The coach, B. Rickards stated that "A" team "went through home and home games undefeated and is confident of outcome of finals."

Parkside finished 1st with 68 points (238,7), Socials 2nd with 58 points (309,2), Kingsville 3rd with 52 points and Spotswood 4th with 44 points.



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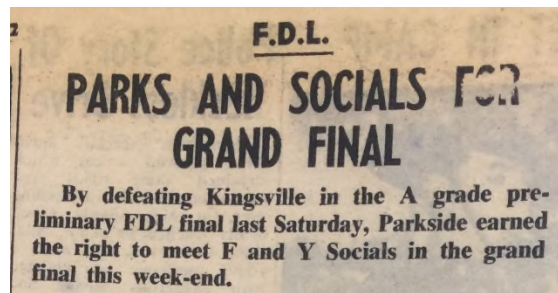
"In the other A Grade semi-final Parkside, previously undefeated, were soundly beaten by F. and Y. Socials 11.15 to 5.16.

Socials, winning the toss at the Western Reserve, raced away to a five goal lead with the wind, and defended grandly in the second term to keep Parkside out."

The Mail, September 6, 1962

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"By defeating Kingsville in the A Grade preliminary FDFL final last Saturday, Parkside earned the right to meet F and Y Socials in the grand final this weekend.

Up to the third quarter Kingsville look like winning easily, as they were faster to the ball and more determined.

However, with five minutes to go before the end of the third term, Parkside rallied, and they were a goal up at the final change.

Then came their four-goal burst which sealed Kingsville's fate and put them out.

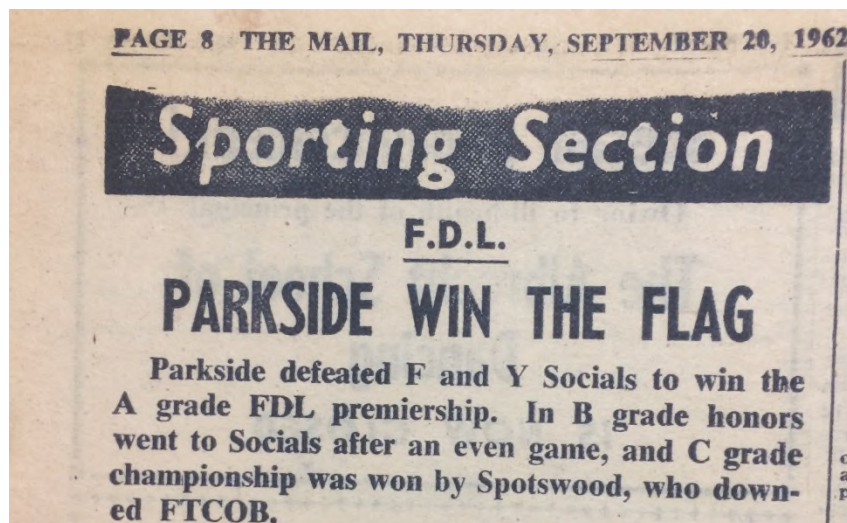
Although Parkside won they will need to improve in several positions if they are to win pennant.

Socials are favourites for the grand final mainly owing to their all-around ability to match Parkside in every department."

A Grade Preliminary Final: **Parkside 12.19 d. Kingsville 10.9**

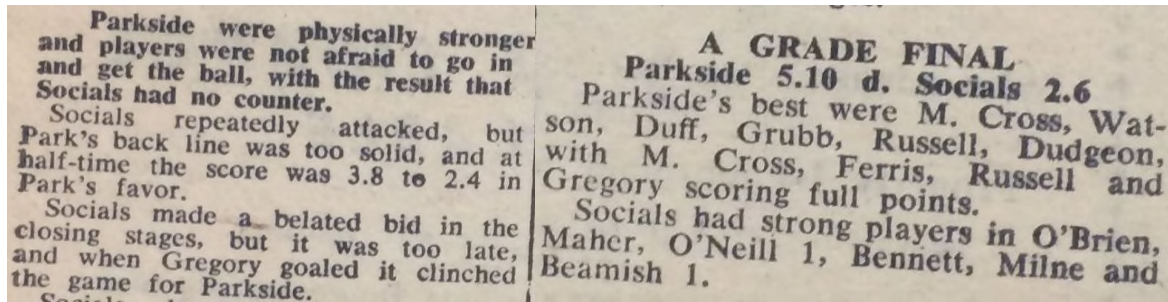
The Mail, September 13, 1962

Best for Parkside were: Power, M. Cross, Watson, Rickards.



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"Parkside carried off the Footscray District Football League A grade premiership with a convincing win over Spotswood in the Grand Final at Footscray Oval on Saturday.

Record crowds at the finals witnessed some of the most exciting finishes seen for many years.

In the A grade match, Parkside and Spotswood both gave stimulating displays of hard, robust football.

Parkside, with an edge in class, were great in victory, but inaccurate Spotswood was certainly far from disgraced in defeat.

Best players for Parkside were R. Ickeringill, L. Daglish, G. Rees, R. Griffin, D. Howie, J. Heathcote, T. Watson, A. Condie, P. Meagher, G. Kavanagh.

Goals: J. Heathcote 7, Meagher 5, R. Turner 2, G. Rees, K. Thompson."

Best and fairest for the 1962 Season

Best and Fairest: **G. Pope**

2nd : **M. Cross**

Most Consistent: **A. Ferris**

Best 1st Year: **G. Thompson**

Most Improved: **J. Morris**

Most Determined: **B. O'Donnell**

In appreciation of outstanding service rendered to the club, M. Russell was awarded, as well.

LEADING GOALKICKERS	
A—Russell (Parkside)	57, Lown (Socials) 45, Russell (Kingsville) 42.
B—Ogilvie (W. Newport)	82, Boyd (Spotswood) 66, Doll (Socials) 44.
C1—Lambert (Sunshine)	40, Pentreath (Kingsville) 38, Fenner, Spargo 33.
C2—Menzie	44, L. Cameron 30, Penning 29.

M. Russell was FDFL leading goalkicker with 57 scoring goals

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Parkside Football Club – Premiers 1962

Back: A. Grenfell, R. Duff, R. Hall, A. Ferris, G. Pope, K. Cross, T. Watson, J. Acreman (Vice President)

2nd Back: B. Wright (Comm.), R. Gregory (Comm.), G. Sullivan, B. D'Arcy, L. Cumming, R. Bentley, G. Pyers, D. Baker, G. Wright, L. Kinniburgh (Comm.), E. O'Keefe (V. President)

Centre: R. Boulter (Trainer), R. Charles (V. President), G. Kavanagh, K. Gregory, M. Cross, T. Dudgeon, B. O'Keefe, B. Cleary (Timekeeper), J. Loone (Comm.), P. Ferris (Trainer)

2nd Front: C. Cooke (Secretary), G. Bell, M. Russell, R. Power (V. Captain), H. Pascarl (President), B. Rickards (Capt. Coach), B. O'Donnell, F. Grubb, R. Johnson (Manager)

Front: W. Thompson, G. Foster (Mascot), G. Thompson, J. Lord (Boundary Ump.), G. Banes, N. O'Donnell, K. Banes (Mascot)

Absent: J. Morris

The End of Season trip was organised. This time the club travelled to Echuca, from October 12 to October 14, 1962.

The Progress Hall was booked for presentation night in February 1963.

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FOOTSCRAY DISTRICT LEAGUE

Parkside D.L. Premiers

F. & Y. SOCIALS TAKE B. GRADE HONORS

Parkside strongly defeated F. & Y. Socials to take the Footscray District League A. Grade pennant last Saturday. Socials were going for their fourth pennant in a row, but they could not match the physically stronger Parkside, whose play on the day was more determined.

A strong wind influenced play, and Parkside, with first use of it, found goals hard to score, getting only 3 from 11 shots. However, Socials failed to score.

Socials virtually lost their chance in the second term, when, with the wind behind them, they could only muster 2.4 and half-time were 10 points down—Parkside 3.8; F. & Y. Socials 2.4.

The match developed into a battle of the back-lines after half-time. Parks added only one goal to nil in the third term, but when they goalied against the wind in the last quarter, they were

Parkside 3.8 10-40
F. & Y. Socials 2.4 6-18

Parkside's best were: M. Cross, Power, Rickards, Duff, Thompson, Grubb.

For F. & Y. Socials: O'Brien, Maher, O'Neill, Bennett, McDonald, Lang (until injured).

F. & Y. SOCIALS WIN B. GRADE HONORS

The B. Grade flag went to F. & Y. Socials after a very even game.

Spotswood did most of the attacking, when F. & Y. Socials, with fewer advances, gained better results. Their 2 goals against the wind was a good effort, and except for a short period in the 3rd and early 4th terms, Spotswood were no time in front.

Three goals to D. Doll for Socials capped a fitting exhibition after being presented with his champion-player medal.

Final scores were:

F. & Y. Socials 8 4-52

Spotswood 6 5-41

Goal-kickers:

Socials: Doll 3, Smith 2, Rogers, De Luca, Williams.

Spotswood: Roberts 2, P. Morrison 2, McKenzies, Maxwell.

Best Players:

Socials: Rogers, Strauch, Doll, Byrne, Barrow, Chalmers.

Spotswood: Roberts, Boyd, Maxwell, Brown, P. Morrison, Heriot.

SPOTSWOOD C. GRADE CHAMPIONS

The C. Grade championship went to Spotswood (Section 1 premiers), after a convincing win over F.T.S.O.B. (Section 2 premiers).

After the first quarter Spotswood were never headed and fully deserved their win. Final scores:

Spotswood 2 2-32
Tech Old Boys 2 6-18

Goal-kickers

Spotswood: Bugala 2, Cody, French.

Tech: McNeill, Pope.

Best Players:

Spotswood: Bennett, Hewett, Fogarty, Bugala, A. Heriot.

Tech: O'Connor, Ward, Leckie, Van de Graaf, McNeill.

CHAMPION GOAL-KICKERS

The F.D.F.L.'s leading goal kickers in all sections for 1962 were:

A. Grade: Russell (Parkside), 57.

B. Grade: Ogilvie (West Newport).

C1: Lambert (Sunshine), 40.

C2: Menzies (F.T.S.O.B.), 44.

Special effort last Saturday: Yellow F.B.I.

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"A" GRADE (Open Age)

PARKSIDE (Black and White)

- 1-B. RICKARDS (c. & coach)
- 2-G. POPE
- 3-K. CROSS
- 4-T. WATSON
- 5-G. THOMPSON
- 6-M. RUSSELL
- 7-F. GRUBB
- 8-R. POWER (v.c.)
- 9-G. KAVANAGH
- 10-K. GREGORY
- 11-B. O'DONNELL
- 12-B. O'KEEFE
- 13-G. BANES
- 14-J. MORRIS
- 15-T. DUDGEON
- 16-D. BAKER
- 17-M. CROSS
- 18-G. WRIGHT
- 19-A. FERRIS
- 20-L. CUMMING
- 21-G. PYERS
- 22-R. BENTLEY
- 23-R. DUFF
- 24-G. SULLIVAN
- 31-G. BELL
- 32-R. HALL
- 33-B. D'ARCY

KINGSVILLE (Blue and Gold)

- 1-D. BRETT (c. & coach)
- 31-W. SAUNDERS (v.c. & coss. coach)
- 2-L. GRANT
- 3-J. McDONAGH
- 4-K. HUTCHINSON
- 5-R. EVANS
- 6-W. JOHNSTONE
- 7-R. FAWCETT
- 8-D. OATES
- 9-L. HAUSER
- 10-T. O'SULLIVAN
- 11-A. BLACKWOOD
- 12-J. SUTTON
- 13-W. McDONAGH
- 14-A. RUSSELL
- 15-R. ARTHUR
- 16-J. HODGES
- 17-E. HICKEY
- 18-M. BEARD
- 19-T. TERRY
- 20-J. BAXTER
- 24-B. SAUNDERS
- J. EVANS
- T. GLYNN
- W. MARSHALL
- S. NIVEN
- R. HUGHES

F. & Y. SOCIALS (Dark Green with Yellow Yoke)

- 1-I. McDONALD
- 2-K. BEAMISH
- 3-E. COLE
- 4-I. KEATING
- 5-D. McLEAN
- 6-K. O'NEILL
- 7-N. CROSS
- 8-P. STANLEY
- 9-M. MILNE
- 10-V. LOWN
- 11-K. MITCHELL
- 12-I. MAHER
- 13-R. COATES
- 14-B. DAVIES
- 15-B. BENNETT
- 16-M. BECKETT
- 17-L. CHARLES
- 18-T. O'BRIEN
- 19-F. LANG
- 20-R. LOANE
- B. DAVIES
- K. CARROLL
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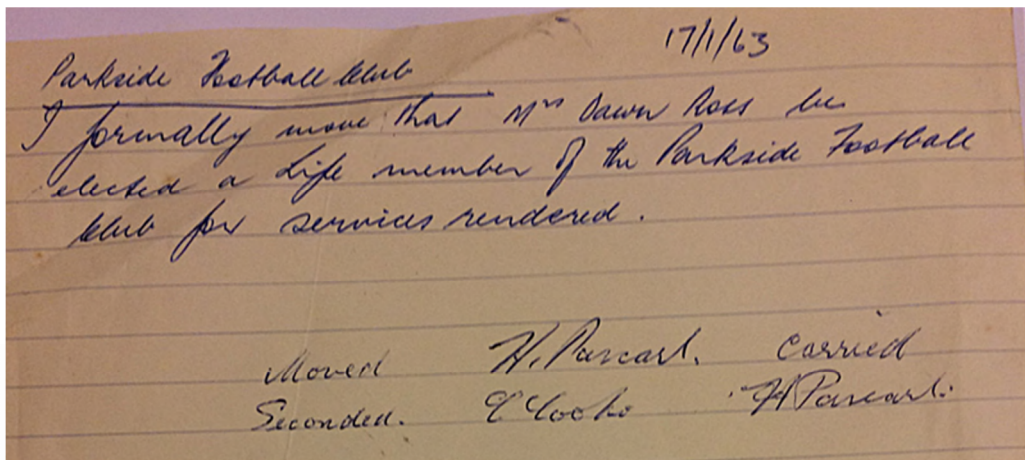
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PARKS 5-10 F & Y 2-6

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Mr D. Ross was nominated by President as a Life Member, on January 31st 1963.

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The Mail, August 1962

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Parkside Football Club: Statement of Receipts and Expenditure Season 1962

Notice of motion was submitted concerning alteration to constitution. It was suggested that “rule 30 should be amended. The rule 30 referred that the position of coaches shall be appointed following an annual meeting. The committee shall consider all applications and shall have power to elect a coach or coaches for a period of not more than 3 years. Such election shall be binding on any subsequent incoming Committee,”

H. Pascarl was nominated and elected as President of Parkside Football Club for the 1963 season.

Also, the other office bearers were elected.

Election of office bearers Nov 1963
 President Mr. Harold nominates and elected on
 motion of O'Keefe as Deputy ed.
 Vice President The following were elected after
 a ballot had taken place
 Messrs R. Charles & O'Keefe Treasurer
 Messrs P. Grogan & K. Grogan as Secretary
 on the motion of Vice President Messrs
 welcomed Messrs Hobbs Miller who duly
 responded.
 Secretary Mr. C. books nominated & elected
 on motion of Charles as Deputy ed.
 Treasurer Mr. J. Lord nominated & elected
 on motion of Richards as Treasurer
 Ladies Secretary Messrs Lorne A. Ferris & Charles
 were nominated Messrs Lorne
 Charles declined. Mr. Lorne was
 elected.
 Committee The following were nominated
 & elected to the committee
 Messrs H. Hoates P. Ferris & Kinnabrough
 G. Gregory G. Knapp & Johnson R. Kuer
 & Grogan P. Ferris M. Russell & Boutte
 Messrs P. O'Keefe
 Mr. Hobbs congratulated persons elected to office

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The club entered three teams in 1963 FDFL season consisting of "A" Open age, Under 18 and Under 16 years.

It was stated that Footscray Football Club had offered to put into operation a special effort to assist club.

There were considered the two applications for coaching position, (B. Rickards and J. Wild) and it was agreed that B. Rickards be appointed coach for a term of 2 years on salary of £5 per week.

Home part was held at home of N. Coats on Saturday, March 30th 1963.

A practice match was played against Rockbank Football Club in March 1963.

J. Loone suggested running a special effort on following lines:

Attempt to sell 250 tickets and price of ticket to be £5 where the first prize will be trip to Japan for two or £500 cash.

The clearances were granted to G. Pope (Horsham), D. Hardy (Longerenong) and H. Darcy (Braybrook).

Seddon Scout Hall was booked for 3rd Saturday in each month for regular dances.



Seddon Scout Hall, 1 Bellairs Ave, Seddon

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It was agreed that the dance be held as a fancy dress event.

On Thursday 29th August, B. Rickards concluded that "A" Grade team won final match of the regular season. He thanked committee for assistance during the season and was hopeful of a better season next year. In the last round of the 1963 season Parkside defeated North Footscray.

Parkside 7.6 d. N. Footscray 2.9 and best for Parkside were Baker, Banes, Russell, Bentley, D'Arcy.

PREMIERSHIP POINTS	
A Grade	
Seddon 58 (174.32),	Socials 56 (217.20),
St. Albans 46 (125.69),	Kingsville 44 (153.69),
Parkside 40,	Braybrook 36,
Spotswood, West	Newport 28,
Albion, W. Foots-	cray 16,
N. Footscray 10,	Maidstone 6.

Premiership points at the end of the 1963 season

Accommodation was booked for trip away to Castlemaine.

Best and fairest voting disclosed that winners in each grade were as follows:

"A" Grade	"B" Grade	"C" Grade
1st- G. Kavanagh	1st- P. Meagher	1st - K. Thompson
2nd - R. Bentley	2nd - R. Griffin	2nd - G. Summers
3rd - K. Goodman	3rd- A. Need	3rd - G. Crick

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K. Hillier wrote in his book that, "By 1962 the league had grown to forty-one teams in three grades with 1596 registered players. Parkside was undefeated in the home and away season, losing its first game in the semi final to F & Y Socials. It won the 1962 Grand Final though, defeating F & Y Socials, which had won the three previous flags. This was a historic win in many ways, making Parkside the only club to have won an A Grade flag in every decade of the competition. Also, F & Y Socials recorded what is still the lowest Grand Final score ever: 2.6.18.

Maidstone dropped out of the league at the end of the season and was replaced by Williamstown CYMS. Kingsville went through the 1964 home and away season undefeated, with its only loss in the semi final to Spotswood by a point; its revenge was to beat the Woodsman in the Grand Final by twenty points."

"APPALLING CONDITIONS" AGAIN FOR "PARKS"

"Parkside footballers will again have to put up with appalling dressing room facilities this season, secretary Mr C. V. Cooke told the club's 67th annual meeting on Sunday.

Mr Cooke said the performances of the three Parkside teams last season were not up to the usual standard of the club, all teams finishing out of the final four owing to a number of factors.

Not the least of these, he said, were the conditions under which players had to train and play.

The previous season clubrooms were burned out and the club was forced to use a pavilion in Farnsworth-ave.

The committee had plans to erect new rooms, but Footscray Council decided it would try and overcome the problem by endeavouring to get all sporting organisations in the area to support a joint project.

"To this stage there has been a sad lack of support and consequently it appears that the club will have no alternative but to face the appalling conditions of last season once again," Mr Cooke stated.

He expressed the hope that with support and enthusiasm members would overcome the difficulties and lift the club to its former high standing.

Commenting on the A grade team's slip after winning the premiership in 1962, Mr Cooke said there was a distinct lack of enthusiasm by the players in their attitude to training and in their failure to observe team discipline.

"I am sure these matters will be rectified in the forthcoming season," he said.



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"Cooke thanked coach Brian Rickards, who has been re-appointed, for his effort to keep the A grade players together, and for his work in organising social events both during the season and in the "off" period.

In reviewing prospects for the coming season, he called upon the committee and coach of each team to take stock and apply their efforts vigorously so that success on the field is assured. President Herb Pascarl, Mr Cooke and treasurer John Lord, together with other officers, were re-elected.

Mr Cooke intimated that he will not be available to coach the B grade team this year owing to private commitments.

Balance sheet presented to the meeting revealed that the club finished the season with balance of £271 in a turnover of £1391.

Team maintenance cost £361 while almost the entire income was from active social effort."

The Mail, March 5th, 1964

In April 1964, The Mail claimed that, "Parkside also have their troubles owing to lack of decent clubrooms and disinterest of young players, who are unwilling to use outmoded dressing facilities at the park."

The Mail, April 16th, 1964

W. Newport defeated Parkside in 2nd round by 55 points. Best for Parkside were Watson, Banes, O'Donnell and Tempest.

Parkside beat North Footscray in May 1964 by 3 points. Scores were: Parkside 10.8 d. N. Footscray 9.11. Best for Parkside were Watson, Banes, Need and Ellwood.

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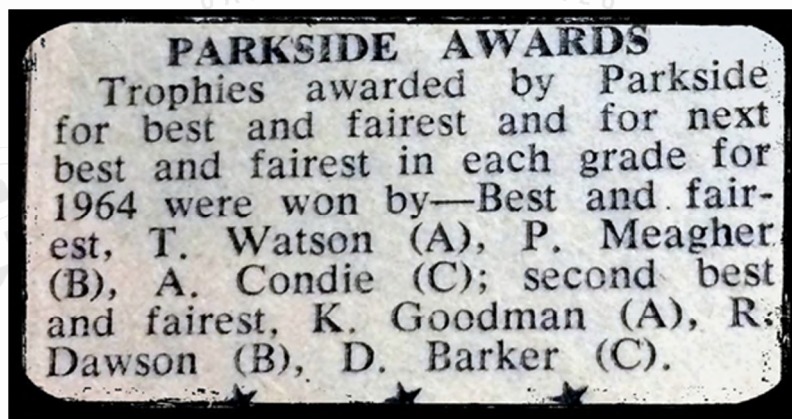
Parkside finished the 1964 season in 10th place with 20 points, winning 5 games for the whole season. It's hard to say it wasn't a disappointing season for the club.

PREMIERSHIP POINTS	
A Grade	
Kingsville (224.16) 68,	Spotswood (141.79) 56,
Braybrook (146.53) 52,	Albion (121.67) 44,
W. Newport (120.82) 44,	St. Albans 38,
Seddon 28, Socials 24,	W. Footscray 22,
Parkside 20, N. Footscray 12,	Maidstone 0.
B Grade	
Spotswood (427.91) 68,	W. Footscray (244.37) 60,
Braybrook (275.35) 56,	St. Albans (175.99) 48,
N. Footscray (117.35) 44,	Seddon 32,
Parkside 28, W. Newport, Kingsville, Albion 20,	Socials 12,
Maidstone 0.	

Leader at the end of the 1964 season

The Mail, August 1964

Parkside Football Club – Best and Fairest for the 1964 season



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Elvis Mania and Beatlemania in Footscray, The Mail 1964

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Kennel Masters Give Awards

DISTRICT LEAGUE HAS BOOM IN SUPPORT

"The Footscray District League faces the opening of the 1965 season with interest reaching peak levels, which should go a long way to helping League and clubs enjoy a boom year.

Interest at the opening games on Saturday .on Saturday will be highlighted for successful clubs of the 1964 season with the unfurling of their premiership pennants, details of which follow:

Maidstone has been re-placed by Williamstown CYMS in open age, and Under 18 registration of players is up on last year's figures.

The District League is on the eve of expanding with the advent of a possible Under 14 competition and reconstruction of Rule 4 of the constitution.

A special meeting of all clubs and persons interested in an Under 14 competition is called by the League secretary, Mr Goff McDonald (phone 314-7347), by advertisement in this issue. The meeting will be held at Footscray Football Ground in the visitors' room at 10.45 am this Sunday.

The Executive Committee of the League has been working hard for the betterment of junior football in the district, visiting all clubs and combining ideas for improvement.

Umpires' coach Wal Hopkins once again is in charge of umpires and clubs this year will benefit from his experience and a good panel of keen umpires.

The Kennel Masters' gift of four medallions for the best and fairest footballers — one for each section — has been gratefully accepted by the District League executive,

The FDL A Grade 1964 premiership flag will be officially unfurled on Saturday at Angliss Reserve prior to the first home and home match of the season, at approximately 2 pm.

Representatives from the executive committee of the FDL will make the presentation to the Kingsville FC, and the flag will be unfurled by Mrs D. McDonald, wife of the club president."

The Mail, April 25th 1965

In the first game of the 1965 season, Parkside defeated West Footscray by 35 points. Parkside 15.13 d. W. Footscray 10.8

In the second round Parkside conquered WCYMS, beating them by seven goals.

Parkside crushed North Footscray in round three. Parkside 12.6 d. N. Footscray 3.7.

The Mail wrote in June 24th 1965 that, "In a hard "pressure" game at Footscray Park, West Newport was overwhelmed by a relentless Parkside team, who played with tremendous determination."

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PREMIERSHIP LADDERS
A Grade

Albion 32 (174.6),	Parkside 24 (140.2),
Kingsville 24 (139.5),	Spotswood 24 (131.3),
Braybrook 20 (116.5),	Seddon 16,
W'town	CYMS 16.

Premiership Leader after eight rounds in the 1965 season

Parkside continued with a great form defeating Seddon. Parkside 16.20 d. Seddon 8.3

Towards the end of 1965 competition, Albion Football Club jeopardized the regularity of the season expressing dissatisfaction with the condition of the Market-st. Reserve (Shorten) at West Footscray.

GAME IN DANGER

Footscray District League officials are keeping their fingers crossed for good weather this Saturday, as Albion Football Club have intimated they will not play on the Market-st. Reserve at West Footscray and would rather lose four points than lose players and jeopardise their premiership chances.

PREMIERSHIP POINTS
A Grade

Albion 40 (164.1),	Parkside 36 (149.0),
Spotswood 32 (137.2),	Kingsville 32 (132.6),
Braybrook 24,	Seddon 24,
W'town CYMS 24,	West Newport 12,
West F'scray 12,	F & Y Socials 12,
St. Albans 8,	North F'scray 8.

"Parkside still showing football of the calibre to win finals pooled another four points. Their clash this Saturday with Albion should be worth seeing."

F.D.L.
PARKSIDE IS THE DANGER TEAM
(By "GEE")

Playing with superior teamwork all over the field, Parkside are now consolidating bit by bit in an endeavor to win this season's pennant and by their scintillating form against St. Albans on Saturday could easily achieve their objective.

PREMIERSHIP POINTS
A Grade

Albion 56, 177.3;	Parkside 52, 169.7;
Kingsville 48, 158.0;	Spotswood 42, 140.6;
Braybrook 40, 115.2.	

B Grade

Spotswood 64, W. Footscray 60,	N. Footscray 52,
Braybrook 48,	Socials 36,
St. Albans 28,	Parkside 28.

PREMIERSHIP POINTS
A Grade

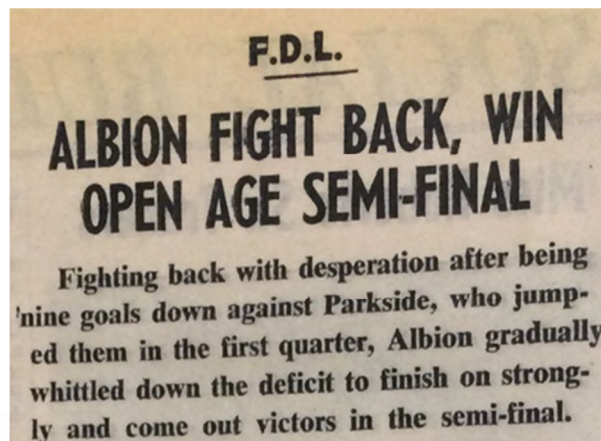
Albion 60;	Parkside 56;
Kingsville 52;	Spotswood 46;
Braybrook 40;	West Footscray 32;
Williamstown CYMS 28;	Seddon 26;
West Newport 24;	St. Albans 16;
F & Y Socials 16;	North Footscray 8.

Parkside played against Albion in the 1965 semi-final at Spotswood.



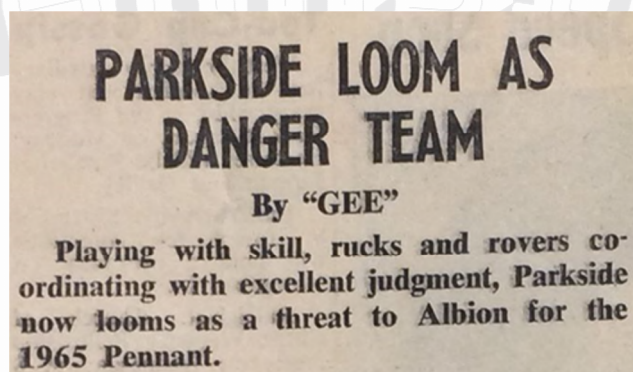
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"The large crowd present witnessed one of the greatest matches seen in the District League for many a long day and if future final game are played in this manner the sporting public are in for a feast of football at the Yarraville Football Ground."

The Mail, September 5th 1965



"On last Saturday's form against well trained and disciplined Spotswood, Parkside showed all the skills of a premiership side and their teamwork, coupled with unerring accuracy in front of a goal, makes them formidable next Saturday in the grand final."

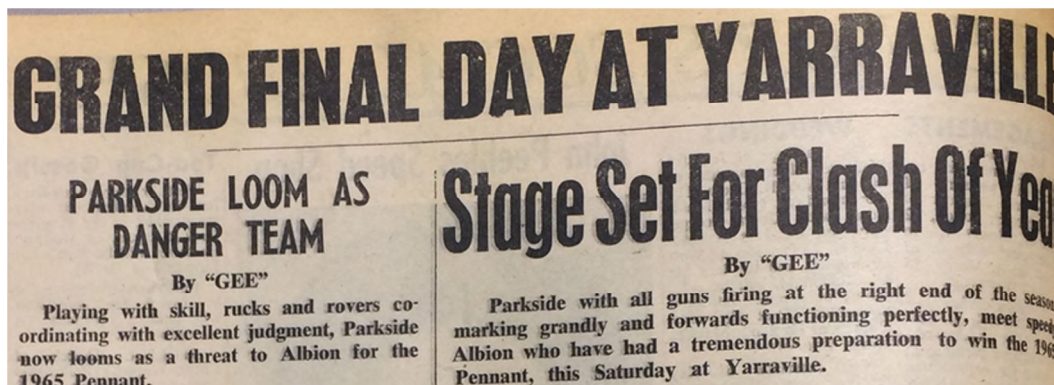
Parkside 7.11 d. Spotswood 8.22

Parkside's best against Spotswood were Murphy (2), Cross (6), Kavanagh (3), G. Thompson (2), Witchell, Watson, Crick.



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Parkside made the Grand Final in 1965, losing to Albion 11 points.



"This FDFL game was highlighted by tremendous pressure placed on Albion right from the jump by Parkside, but the Albion team got their goals on the board early and lasted out till the final siren to win by 11 points.

Parkside although beaten, were not disgraced and fought the game right out to the finish, their fitness being a credit to popular coach Lindsey Murphy.

Both teams must be congratulated on an excellent performance."

Grand Final Scores:

Albion 14.11 d. Parkside 12.12



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Parkside Football Club – Runners-Up Season 1965

Back Row: R. Johnson (Comm.), G. Pyers, D. Baker, J. Mitchell, J. Lord (Boundary Umpire), A. Need, N. O'Connor, R. Sorraghan

2nd Back Row: G. Wright, R. Bentley, J. Mason, B. D'Arcy, R. Power, P. McGraw, B. Summers, G. Crick, L. Kinniburgh (Comm.)

2nd Front Row: R. Charles (Vice President), R. Boulter (Social Secretary), G. Thompson, T. Watson, P. Cocks (President), L. Murphy (Captain and Coach), K. Thompson, A. Grenfell (Vice President), C. Cooke (Secretary)

Front Row: R. Griffin, G. Murphy (Mascot), J. Todd, D. Murphy (Mascot), R. Bentley

"In the A grade division some exciting matches were witnessed. Albion, premiers last year, were extended to scrape home by two points from a determined Braybrook.

St Albans a much improved side from last year, fought out a close finish to defeat Socials by five points.

Last year's runners-up, Parkside, also just got home from Kingsville, another improver, by seven points.

In the Reserves, Under 18 division a great game was witnessed between old rivals in Seddon, defeating West Footscray by four points.

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The evenness of the Un-der 16 No. 1 division is evidenced by the closeness of the games. Seddon drew with Kingsville and in a game with fluctuating fortunes Spotswood defeated West Footscray by one goal after being down by four goals at lemon time.

Highlight of this match was the fine exhibition of umpiring by young Mick Dye.

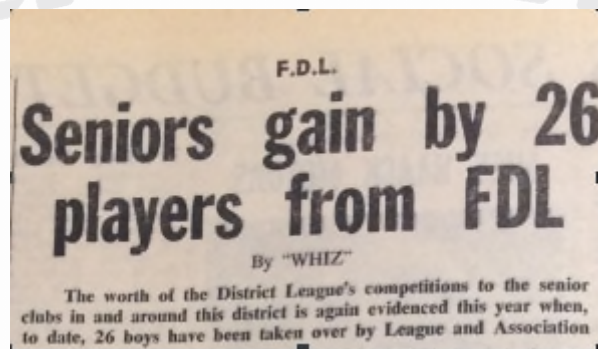
Parkside defeated Kingsville in both grades. The "A" Grade win produced good players in Meagher (3), McGraw, Griffin, Cross, K. Thompson, Need, O'Connor (3).

Best for "B" team were Heathcote, Ickeringall, Sheppard, Annear. Others to score were Hart (2), White, Blake, Barber."

In the second round in the 1966 season St Albans beat Parkside by 4 points. In round three, West Footscray was better, defeating Parkside 7.9 to 4.9.

In round five Spotswood defeated Parkside by 33 points. Parkside was better in the clash against Albion in round six. The next round Parkside defeated Braybrook, 16.10 to 10.7.

During the season break this contemplative headline from the Mail, published in June 1966, reaffirms initial reasons for existence of FDFL which was projected and established as a breeding ground for talents that can primarily play for the seniors of Footscray Football Club.



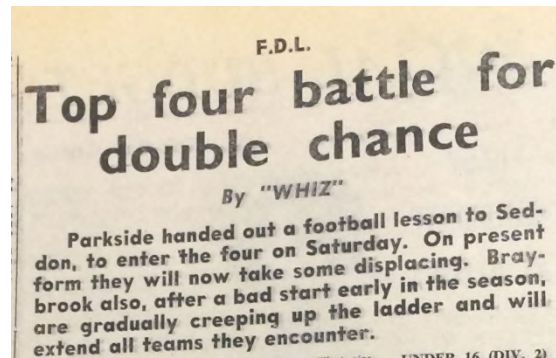
"While clubs never relish the idea of losing boys they took pride in seeing their proteges making senior ranks."

Parkside was impressive in win against Seddon. Parkside 20.17 d. Seddon 7.2.



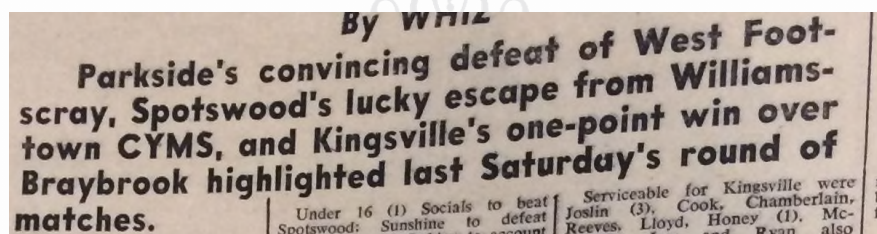
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Parkside showed respectable form approaching the finals. Parkside 12.13 d. W.Footscray 8.10.

Parkside were best served by Turner, R. Dawson, Griffin, Bentley, D'Arcy and Duff.



All Parkside players teamed well for an excellent win over Albion in the last game of the 1966 regular season. Parkside 14.15 d. Albion 8.6

Goalkickers were Heathcote (6), Duff (2), Roadway, Need, Griffin, Meagher, Beatley and O'Connor.



Parkside opponents in semi-final were West Footscray.



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More than 3000 spectators attended the 1966 semi-finals. Parkside proved too strong and experienced for dogged west Footscray team. After an even first half, Parkside applied pressure football and came out comfortable winners.

FDFL the 1966 semi-finals; Parkside 15.21 d. West Footscray 8.5 and St Albans was winner against Kingsville. St Albans 16.12 d. Kingsville 13.8

Parkside's U16 (Div2) qualified for the grand final defeating St Albans by 3 goals.

Parkside player, R. Ickeringill won U18 FDFL Best and Fairest award for 1966.

FDFL 1966 finals will be remembered for bringing two drawn games for the two Parkside teams who played their finals the same day.

This is a short description how these peculiar finals unfolded, written by The Mail reporters.

"In the A Grade final fluctuating fortunes – firstly Kingsville with a four-goal lead at half time and looking likely winners, was pegged by Parkside, who gained an eight-point lead with four minutes to go – and then to see Kingsville recover to get up and make an exciting draw."

Parkside's best players in the draw with Kingsville were Murphy, Bentley, Heathcote, Baker, Watson and Turner.

Another drawn game was witnessed in the U-16 (Div2) grand final.

"ICI Deer Park stopped to a walk in the last quarter and allowed a never-say-die effort by Parkside lads to get up and make a drawn game.

Players to stand out were Morgan, Sainsbury, O'Gorman, R. Miller, Zombolas and Starford.

They will now fight out a replay this week at Skinner Reserve, commencing at 10a.m."

This week's games	
Details of this week's matches to be played at the Footscray Football Ground:	AT SKINNER RESERVE:
2.30 p.m.: Replay A grade preliminary final, Kingsville v. Parkside.	10 a.m.: Replay G2 Under - 16 grand final, ICI Deer Park v. Parkside.
12 noon: Grand final of B grade Under-18, Spotswood v. West Footscray.	"Whiz" selects: A Grade: PARKSIDE to beat Kingsville. Under - 18: WEST FOOTSCRAY to beat Spotswood.
10 a.m.: Grand final of C1 grade Under-16, Spotswood v. Seddon.	Under-16 (I): SPOTSWOOD to beat Seddon. Under - 16 (II): ICI DEER PARK to beat Parkside.

"Kingsville, by completely outpointing Parkside in the replay of the "A" Grade preliminary final, in which these two sides played a draw the previous week, has earned right to play St. Albans in the A Grade grand final."

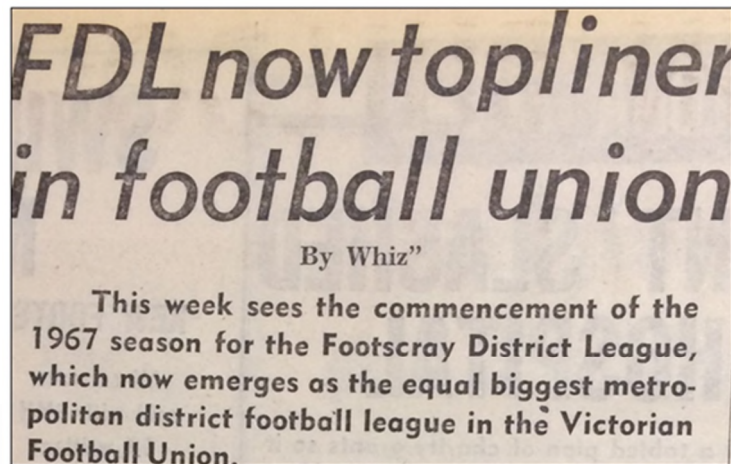
"A" Grade replay – preliminary final, **Kingsville 14.13 d. Parkside 8.9**

In U-16 (Div2) replay grand final, ICI Deer Park defeated Parkside by 16 points.

ICI Deer Park 7.6 d. Parkside 5.2

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"1967 saw further progress in the strengthening of FDFL within the Victorian Football Union.

"This week sees commencement of the 1967 season for the Footscray District League, which now emerges as the equal biggest metropolitan district football league in the Victorian Football Union.

With more than 70 teams and 2500 registered players, and its ever increasing numbers of followers the season promises to be most successful and exciting on record.

Recruiting in all clubs has been intense and battle for 1967 promises to be very keen. "

The Mail, 13 April 1967

It was not secret that club's emphasis was unquestionably focused on the 1967 premiership trophy.

A rhetorical dilemma articulated in the question, "does the pain of losing finals and, particularly the Grand Final, ever go away," has found an answer in a strong commitment and determination in all departments within the club.

At the start of the 1967 season, Parkside Football Club encountered a confusing situation regarding the club's dressing rooms.

Players strip on river bank

"Footballers had to strip on the Maribyrnong River bank on Saturday because of long delays in opening a new sports pavilion.

Parkside Football Club secretary, Mr. Charlie Cooke said that last Saturday for the opening of the season junior players had to undress by the riverside.

If the rooms are not ready next Saturday two teams of senior players would have to use "the bushes" as their dressing-room.

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Mr. Cooke said that to all outward appearances the pavilion, being constructed for Footscray council on Henry Turner Memorial Reserve, was completed last November.

There were delays when it was found there was no water reticulation and pipes had to be run from Nicholson Street, but he could not understand the hold up now.

Mr. Cooke said several clubs were awaiting use of the new pavilion.



Fifty juniors would use it this Saturday morning if it were open, and the two senior teams would require it in the afternoon.

The deputy city engineer, Mr. Ken Meekoms, explained on Tuesday that any delays in opening were completely out of the hands of the council as the construction was taking place on contract.

In the past week the council had refused to take possession because of certain aspects of the job which were considered not to be up to standard.

Until the builders put the faults right the pavilion could not be opened."

The Mail, April 13th 1967

1967 Season

The opening of the 1967 FDFL season saw a number of surprises and a marked change from last year in the composition of many teams, particularly in junior grades.

Parkside's senior team showed excellent form in its first match of the season against Williamstown CYMS. Final scores were; Parkside 17.25 d. Williamstown CYMS 7.12

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Best for Parkside were Kavanagh, Griffin, Meagher, Need, J. Meagher, R. Meagher, D'Arcy and Ickeringill.

In the U16 competition, "Parkside, with only 14 players, battled all days against the weight of numbers. Credit must go to all players for their effort. Best players for Parkside against Seddon were R. Miller, Sainsbury, Bell and Morgan."

Braybrook was better against Parkside in the U14 competition. A very young Parkside team, with only 16 players, played well against stronger Braybrook opposition.

Deficit of players in all junior grades became a prolonged problem for the club.

In April 1967, Parkside placed an advertisement in The Mail, calling juniors players to join the club.



In the second round Parkside Seniors demolished F&Y Socials despite a horrible kicking accuracy.

Parkside 12.30 d. F&Y Socials 5.9

In the third round Kingsville downed Parkside in a hard vigorous match highlighted by several full-blooded clashes. Kingsville 10.6 d. Parkside 8.7

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Parkside defeated North Footscray by in the fifth round by 104 points.

	W.	D.	L.	Points	For	Ag.	Pts.	P.C.
KINGSVILLE ..	5	—	—	409	275	20	148.7	
PARKSIDE ..	4	—	1	480	248	16	193.5	
SEDDON ..	4	—	1	483	301	16	160.4	
SPOTSWOOD ..	4	—	1	403	280	16	143.9	
St. Albans ..	4	—	1	405	337	16	120.1	
Braybrook ..	3	—	2	273	347	12	78.6	
ICI Deer Park ..	2	—	3	394	324	8	121.6	
Albion ..	2	—	3	305	369	8	82.6	
Williamstown CYMS ..	1	—	4	373	101	4	92.0	
West Footscray ..	1	—	4	330	361	4	91.4	
F. & Y Socials ..	—	—	5	197	497	—	39.6	
North Footscray ..	—	—	5	185	492	—	37.6	

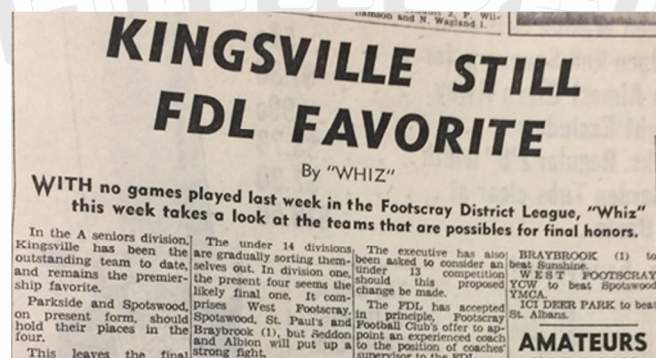
1967 Premiership Ladder after five rounds

In round six, in a hard game, Parkside was able to get the break over ICI Deer Park in the last quarter to win well.

Parkside 9.13 d. ICI Deer Park 5.8

Best players for Parkside were Heathcote, Griffin, Need, Summers and Wilson.

Parkside's good form continued, defeating Albion in round seven and Braybrook by 10 goals in round eight.



Halfway through the 1967 season, Kingsville emerged as a real favourite to win premiership.

The Mail claimed that, "Parkside and Spotswood on present form should hold their places in the four."

Parkside showed good form in downing a confident West Footscray in round nine. Parkside 12.13 d. W. Footscray 9.8. Parkside's best were Whitaker, J. Heathcote, Daglish and Ickeringill.

Towards the end of season Seddon surprised Parkside and won with a high score.

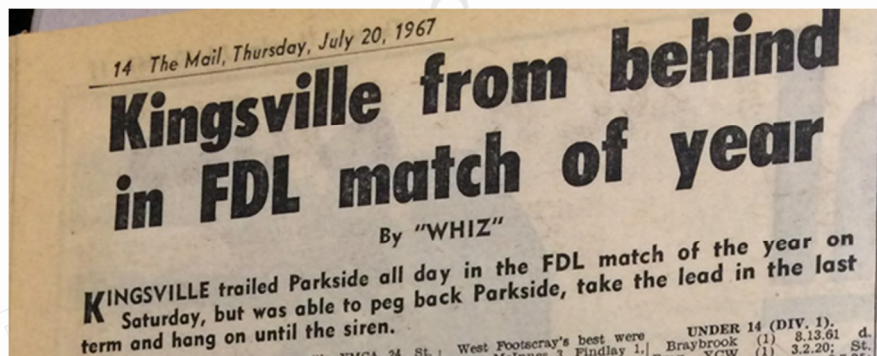
Parkside was managing to pull off a convincing win against Williamstown CYMS. 16.15 to 7.3

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LADDERS.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agan	Pts	%
A SENIORS							
KINGSVILLE	11	—	1	1206	618	46	195.1
PARKSIDE	10	2	—	1141	648	40	176.0
ST. ALBANS	9	2	1	1099	681	38	161.3
SPOTSWOOD	9	3	—	992	669	36	148.2
Seddon	9	3	—	1098	748	36	146.7
Albion	7	5	—	855	787	28	108.6
ICI Deer Park	5	7	—	886	788	20	112.4
Braybrook	5	7	—	684	917	20	74.5
West F'scray	3	9	—	799	949	12	84.1
W'stown CYMS	3	9	—	785	1062	12	73.9
F'scray Socials	—	12	—	511	1339	—	38.1
Nth. Footscray	—	12	—	444	1293	—	34.3

1967 Premiership Ladder after twelve rounds



"KINGSVILLE trailed Parkside all day in FDL match of the year on Saturday, but was able to peg back Parkside take the lead in the last term and hang on until siren.

Parkside goes to Spotswood this week and the loser will have to make way for Seddon to enter the four."

TheMail, July 20, 1967



"Spotswood lost its top four place to Seddon after going after going down to Parkside. It was a hard-hitting match, in which Parkside broke through with two quick goals in the final stages, to take the home points." **Parkside 11.12 d. Spotswood 11.3**

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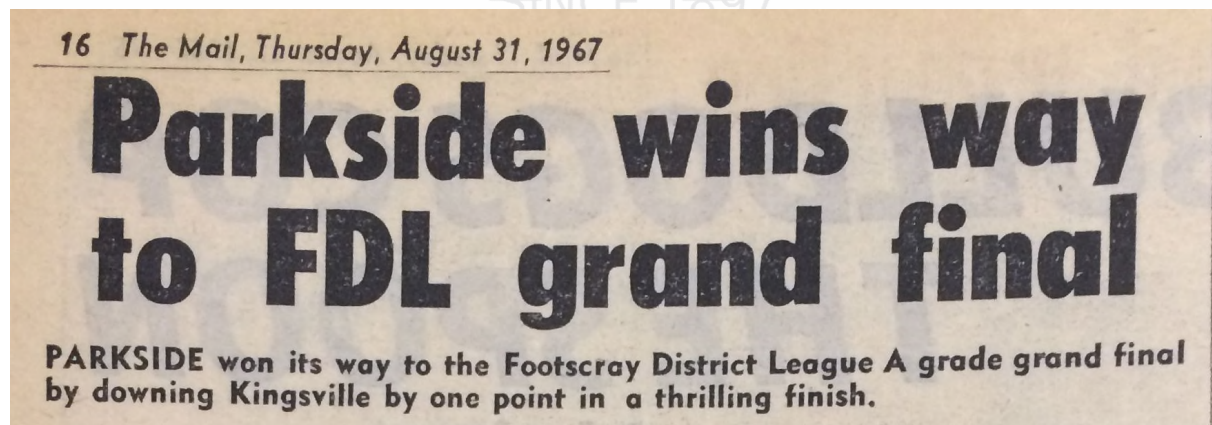
In following rounds Parkside defeated North Footscray by 62 points. Albion was crushed by 61 points

“An amazing last round of home and away matches, in which three top teams were defeated, was a climax of a great battle for the final four.”

In its last round Parkside defeated St. Albans by 13 points. **Parkside 11.12 d. St. Albans 9.11**

FINAL LADDERS. 'A' SENIORS							
	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts	%
KINGSVILLE	15	2	1	1700	946	64	179.7
PARKSIDE	15	—	3	1636	969	60	168.8
SPOTSWOOD	14	—	4	1421	936	56	151.8
ST. ALBANS	13	1	4	1710	988	54	173.0
Seddon	13	1	4	1525	1063	54	143.4
Albion	11	—	7	1305	1184	44	110.2
Braybrook	7	—	11	1008	1355	28	74.3
ICI Deer Park	6	—	12	1188	1157	24	102.6
W'town CYMS	6	—	12	1191	1487	24	80.0
West Footscray	5	—	13	1180	1411	20	83.6
F & Y Socials	—	1	17	761	1858	2	40.9
North Footscray	—	1	17	658	1928	2	34.1

Seniors finished second on the ladder in 1967 season with 60 points.



“All semi-finals were played in cold, bleak conditions. Parkside won their way into the Grand Final when they defeated Kingsville by one point in a thrilling finish of the A grade semi-final in the Footscray District Football League on Saturday.”

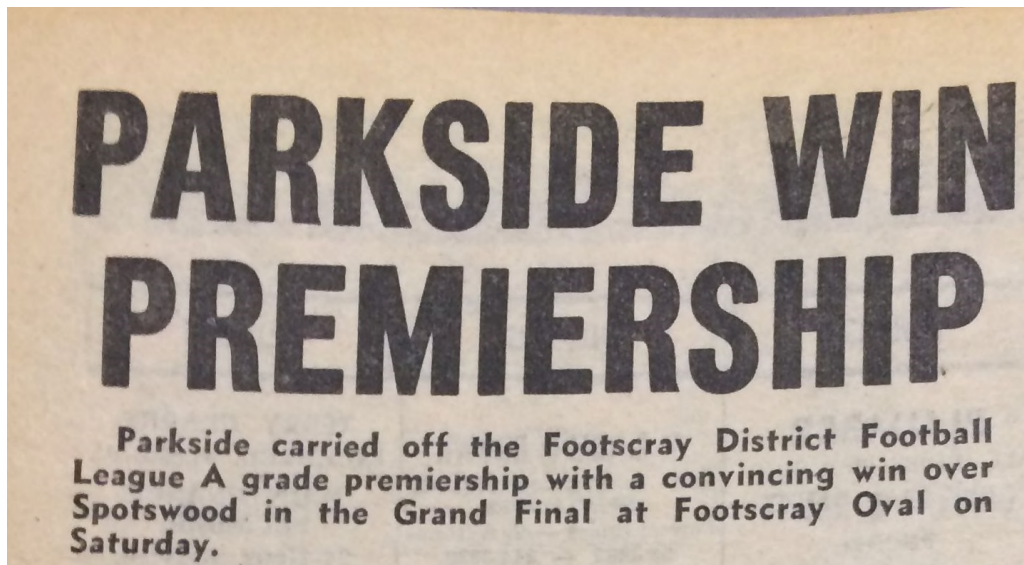
Parkside 5.7.37 d Kingsville 4.12.36

Parkside's best players were: Howie, Daglish, D'Arcy, Kavanagh, Griffin, Murphy, Thompson, Condie, Rees, Whittaker.

Goals: Turner 2, Meagher, Rees, Whittaker.

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The Mail, September 14, 1967

"Parkside finished too strongly for Spotswood, to take out the Footscray District Football League A grade premierships with a convincing win over Spotswood in the Grand Final at Footscray Oval on Saturday.

Record crowds at the finals witnessed some of the most exciting finishes seen for many years.

In the A1 grade match, Parkside and Spotswood both gave stimulating displays of hard, robust football.

Parkside, with an edge in class, were great in victory, but inaccurate Spotswood were certainly far from disgraced in defeat."

Best players for Parkside were R. Ickeringill, L. Daglish, G. Rees, R. Griffin, D. Howie, J. Heathcote, T. Watson, A. Condie, P. Meagher, G. Kavanagh. Goals: J. Heathcote 7, Meagher 5, R. Turner 2, G. Rees, K. Thompson.

It was a brilliant end to an excellent season.

Parkside's under age 1967 best and fairest winners were:

U18: G. Rees, 1; K. Hardy, 2; R. Cheesman, 3.

U16: G. Morgan, 1; A. Sainsbury, 2;

U14: R. Miller, 3. U. 14: Ray Johnson, 1; R. Rice, 2; G. Johnson, 3.

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*The 50 Year Anniversary
of the 1967 Premiership*

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Parkside Football Club – 1967 Premiers

Back Row: R. Boulter (Com.), J. Lord (Treasurer), B. Summers, J. Mitchell, W. Middleton, A. Grenfell (Vice-President), P. McGraw, D. Howie, R. Bentley, B. Cox (Time Keeper), W. Ackerly (V. President)

3rd Row: G. Wright (Com.), R. Shepherd, R. Turner, A. Whittaker, J. Heathcote, A. Need, K. Rodway, R. Heathcote, A. Need, K. Rodway, R. Heathcote, A. Condie, T. Watson, J. Mason, R. Charles (Vice President)

2nd Row: B. Rickards (Soc.Sec.), L. Kinniburgh (Vice President), J. Bentley, P. Meagher, B. D'Arcy (Vice Captain), P. Cocks (President), L. Murphy (Captain & Coach), K. Thompson

Front Row: L. Daglish, R. Griffin, J. Caldwell, D. Murphy, G. Murphy (Mascots), V. De Young, G. Rees

Absent: R. Ickeringill, G. Kavanagh, B. Dolphin

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McEwans 216-226 Barklay Street Footscray — 1967

“Unfurling of Parkside’s premiership flag took place on Saturday, with Mrs. Phil Cox, wife of the president, officiating, and having to make a special trip down from Dromana for the occasion.

Park’s also had a good win on Saturday thanks to five goals kicked by Peter Meager, who played to help the side-out, while waiting on a clearance (which will be granted), although at least one official has not given up hope of persuading him to stay at the club.

Bob Turner was official runner on Saturday and it is thought that he will be soon stripping in the black and white colors again this season.

Parks also could have the services of an experienced, but somewhat rotund ex-League player in the near future. The form is ready Charlie; all it needs is your signature.”

“Parkside’s FC’s new rooms were officially opened by the Mayor of Footscray (Cr Rupe Bassett) last Saturday. Official guests – Cr. Reg Argæet; FDFL president Mr. Lex Maxwell, FDFL treasurer, Mr. Laurie Richardson and FDFL executive member Mr. Doug Moore – were welcomed by Parkside president Mr. Phil Cocks.

The mayor spoke highly of the Parkside club in endeavouring to help themselves in the project, since their old clubrooms were burnt down in 1961. Main force behind the building of the new rooms has been ex-coach Brian Rickards ably assisted by members Alf Grenfell, Charlie Cook and Jack Whitty.”

“Although Parkside’s A grade team “can’t take a trick,” their U-16’s fielded 20 players for the first time this season and, although well beaten by west Footscray, coach Charlie Cooke (also the club’s

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secretary) has high hopes for his boys, Brian Clark, Ross Matheson and Alan Dalton are three who showing promise.

"New" faces in their A reserves side included Neville O'Connor, who booted two of the side's four goals, and "Bubs" Thompson, back with the club after a year in Queensland.

Parks will hold a dance-social at 10th Footscray Scout hall this Saturday. (Hall is situated in Graham Street, near the West Footscray YMCA)."

"The Parkside have been the big disappointment. Premiers last year they have only managed two wins against lower sides and must now start to rebuild to bring them back to the force they are renowned for. The loss of some eight players from last's year premier side has been too big a gap to bridge."

"Another "black day" for Parks saw both senior teams easily defeated and also their under-18 side go down at the hands of Albion. Officials at Parkside had high hopes for their under-18 side this year (especially after their first win for 15 years against Spotswood the week before)."

The club experienced another setback when a new pavilion was vandalised, just days after its official opening.

PAVILION RUINED IN VANDAL RAIDS

Council report

"Shocking damage and thefts had almost completely ruined a modern new pavilion within three weeks of it being built at Henry Turner Memorial Reserve, Footscray council was told on Monday night.

Cr. Rupe Bassett startled sonic councillors with his disclosures. He said he regarded the do mage as so serious he suggested photographs be taken. This was done by The Mail with his help. The pictures will appear next week.

Last April the new pavilion was erected at the Reserve for use by the clubs as a changing room and with general clubroom.

This pavilion was built at a cost of \$20.000 and included:

- Tiled shower recesses operated by coin-in-the-sloth meters.
- Stainless steel sinks and urinals.
- Two spacious changing rooms to be used by the clubs.

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- *An umpires' changing room complete with t shower and toilet — separate ladies' and gents' toilets.*
- *A store room where the cricket clubs could store matting and other equipment.*

Now after having been in use for only four and a half months windows are broken;

Meters have been wrenched open leaving exposed "live" wires."

★ ★ ★
Parkside Under 16's
performance against
Seddon last Saturday
won't be forgotten in a
hurry. Parks boys kicked
their highest score of
the season — 5.15 — and
it could have been much
greater. They hit the
post four times, includ-
ing three times in the
third quarter, and at
one stage were even
leading.

"Another "black day" for Parks saw both senior teams easily defeated and also their under-18 side go down at the hands of Albion.

Officials at Parkside had high hopes for their under-18 side this year (especially after their first win for 15 years against Spotswood the week before). But it now looks as if Albion is the side to beat in this section.

However, the under- 14's carried on their good form from the week before when they overcame the loss of captain, Michael Crick.

Michael was born on the first of March and thus declared an under-16 player) to win their first ever game in the competition, in scoring good win over Kingsville."



Anne Myers, Miss Footscray 1968

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"Parkside are still losing games and although notorious slow starters in recent years, they do not look to have the side this year to make the finals! One player who should prove an asset to the team is John Londkowski, from Yarraville seconds, a rover and half-forward, who played well in his first game with the club last Saturday.

In a hard game, of which an "all in" brawl was a feature, there were no reports apart from an unfortunate "runner" for abusing the umpire. (Not allowed to mention any names), one Park's player who seemingly won't be enjoying his adult privileges.

Parkside have been the big disappointment. Premiers last year they have only managed two wins against lower sides and must now start to rebuild to bring them back to the force they are renowned for. The loss of some eight players from last year's premier side has been too big gap to bridge."

"Parkside youngster Terry Brett literary walked away with the Under-14 voting. On 69 votes he polled almost maximum possible and won easily from Stephen Kelly 33. Parks cabaret dance will be held at the Graham St. Scout on Saturday. Admittance is \$1, double with refreshment and supper available."

The Mail, August 14, 1968

"Leo Daglish has won Parkside's seniors best and fairest award by one vote from captain-coach Lindsey Murphy, with Ray Heathcote third. Murphy has polled exceptionally well considering he missed the past five games through suspension, but has intimidated that he will not accept a trophy from the club as he feels being coach he should not have been included in the voting.

A Reserves voting was won by Graham "Mick" Banes, 34, from Ello Rigon and Gary Backus, equal on 16.

Under 18 captain Geoff Rees took off the best and fairest award on 29 votes followed by George Morgan and Alan Sainsbury on 15.

In the under16's Gary Johnson 35, won from Ross Matheson 25 ½ and Peter Flack 25.

This Sunday Parks will hold a picnic day at Gisborne and a present v. old players match will played and the drawing of the special effort for the building appeal held."

The Mail, August 28, 1968

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By the end of the 1960s, after the 1967 flag, the club was significantly weakened by the departure of several members of its premiership side.

Declines in top results on the field had continued into the next decade. In fact, the 1970's left the club without winning any premierships in A Grade.

Unfortunately, 1969 will be remembered for bringing one of the most deadly fire events in Victoria, a terrible blaze in Lara that killed 17 people. Gary Dempsey's story testifies how football can strengthen not only individual but all community which was able to recover from this disaster.



"Footscray footballer Gary Dempsey almost lost his life in the Lara fires spending seven weeks in hospital. 20 years old Dempsey had only played two seasons with Footscray, he was told he would never play football again. He came back to take his total to 329 games with the Bulldogs and North Melbourne, winning the Brownlow Medal in 1975."

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It was already said that Parkside *"knocked over arch rivals Spotswood in the 1967 Grand Final."*

But, the 1967 season was fundamental for shaping the future of FDL which witnessed an introduction of financial rewards and incentives for players.

Kevin Hillier stresses that, *"Neville O'Connor, a Parkside and League Life Member, remembers that year as pivotal in the future of the club and the league:*

"The first time money came into Parkside was in 1967...the coach was the only one getting paid and Lindsay Murphy was coach. Lindsay came to us halfway through the season and said, "This fellow will play with us but he wants something like four pounds a game". So we got four people from outside the committee to put in a pound a week...two of those people are still involved with the club. This bloke came from Williamstown and he played in the 1967 premiership and virtually won it. He was the first player that actually got paid."

Hillier summarizes the end of 60's claiming that, *"by 1968 all twelve A Grade teams had reserves. The competition was strong, and from Under 14 to open age the FDFL fielded seventy-three teams in seven grades and had 2571 registered players."*

History of the WRFL/FDFL / written and compiled by Kevin Hillier, 2007



Flinders Street Station, Melbourne 1969

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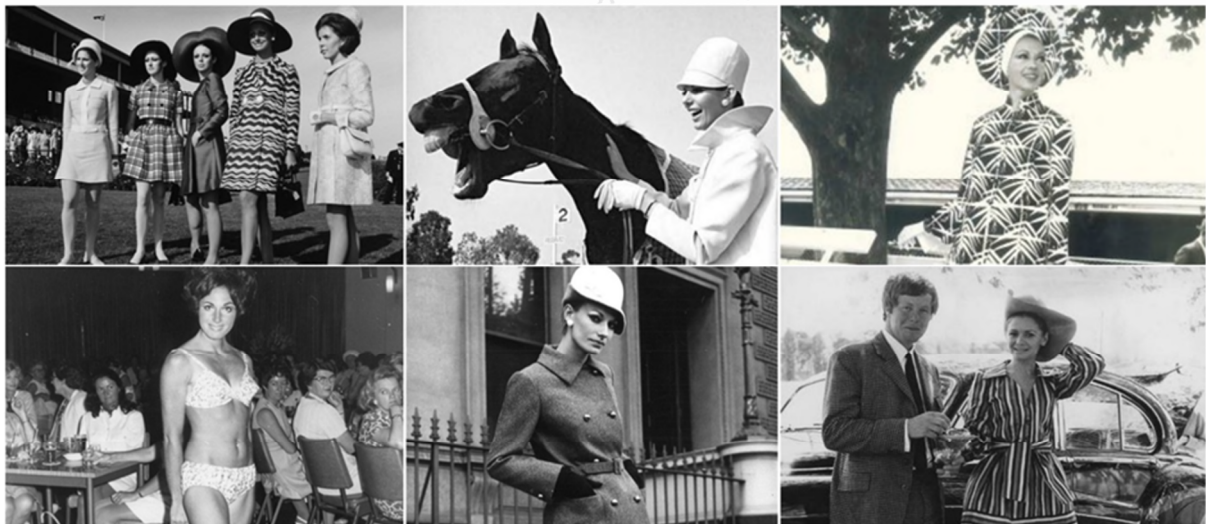
1969

"North's Terry Flint has resigned but has intimated he will continue on as a player, while Parkside's Lindsay Murphy has also decided to quit after five years.

Murphy 34 feels he's getting too old for football, but he would still be a very valuable player in FDL ranks. An experienced ruckman - he played 120 games with Williamstown, he has led Parks to a premiership and a runners- up in his five years with the club and is one of the FDL's best known identities.

Geoff Rees has won Parks best and fairest award from Leo Daglish and Ron Sheppard."

The Mail, August 1969



"Parkside Under 16's win their first game for two and a half seasons against North Footscray last Saturday and the win is all the more meritorious because they had only 16 men. --

Captain of the side is Gary Johnstone, who won the club's Under 16 best and fairest trophy last year and they have a most promising ruckman in Ron McGregor. Coach is Graeme "Hooker" Wright."

"Two youngsters who show enough potential to perhaps follow in their father's footsteps one day are Dale Murphy and Stephen Cross. Dale, 10, and Stephen 12, are the sons of Parkside captain coach and former Williamstown footballer Lindsay Murphy and former Parkside and Footscray goalsneak

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Max Cross respectively. Both have been winning their share of kicks in the Under 14's under the watchful eye of Coach George Crick.

Parkside will hold their presentation night-dance at the 10th Footscray scout hall (near West Footscray YMCA)."

"Parks on the other hand has Geoff Rees and former player Tom Watson back in the side.

Rees had been 19th man with Footscray Thirds the week before and when he was again picked on the bench last week, was allowed to come back and have a run, while Watson is an experienced player who missed the whole of last season. Tom has played 120 odd games with the club and was best fairest player in 1966."

★ ★ ★
Parkside Reserves
captain coach Mick
Banes played his 151st
game for the club last
Saturday and is enjoy-
ing a good season in
the centre.

"Twelve-year-old Colin Rees is the fourth Rees brother to play with Parkside within the past 10 years. Colin, 12, fronted with Under 14's and follows in the footsteps of Rod and Keith, who both played in junior ranks, but not senior football, and Geoff, who is currently playing with the senior side as well as Footscray Thirds."

Who needs superheroes when you have a brother!



The Germaine brothers of Glenroy (1967/2017)— all 10 of them played at the same club at the same time in 1967 (source; H.Sun)

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Pie Night (Australian)

A social occasion at which pies and beer are served.

‘pie nights were an institution in footy clubs’

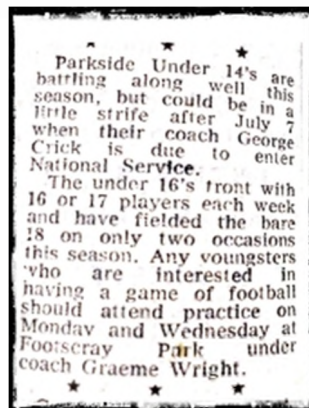
https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/pie_night

“Parkside's nuggety rover Ray Griffen has had a windfall this weekend with the drawing of the club's special effort. In fact Ray has five hundred reasons to be particularly pleased with himself, but what he doesn't know yet is that the next pie night for the players is on him. Ray's winning ticket was 134 with Barry Cleary (102) and K. Alderfield (182) taking off the second and third prizes.

Back on the football side, Ray's good form coupled with that of second rover Leo Daglish and ruckmen Terry Rosewarne, George Morgan and Lindsay Murphy is one reason behind the side's improved performances resulting in a good win over Seddon last Saturday.”

“Latest addition to Parkside's line-up is blonde Footscray Tech. ruckman Terry Rosewarne, who crossed over from the Amateurs last Saturday.

Rosewarne should be a big help to captain-coach Lindsay Murphy, who has had to carry the Parks rucks for many years.”



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"Parkside's committee has decided that their Under 18 side will not play any more Sunday games .at home (Footscray Park). A letter from the club, to be considered by: the FDL executive tonight (Wednesday) asks whether the club can be permitted to play their under 18 matches on Saturdays.

Alternatives given are either at 2.30 p.m. or as a curtain raiser to the senior games, and if the FDL do not agree to these terms for all games, at least "home" games.

Parkside's request has a good chance of being al-lowed, as the umpires also have sent a letter to the executive saying that they will not umpire games at 'Parkside on Sundays without police protection."

FDL executive has decided against allowing Parkside to play all their remaining Under 18 home matches on Saturday. Executive took the view that they are trying to foster Under 18 football on Sundays and were not going to be dictated to by hooligans.

The executive has asked for police protection to be provided at future games as was the case last Sunday when no trouble was experienced.

Parkside's view that they are willing to go together with executive's ruling and will continue to field a side as long as they have the players."

The Mail, July 1970

"Parkside stalwart Brian Darcey played his 200th game with the club last Saturday against Albion to climax a career that started back in 1955 — as a 12 year-old with the Under 16's.

Brian, the sides back-pocket player was vice- captain for the past four years - he relinquished the post this season — and captained the 1967 premiership side when coach Lindsay Murphy was out injured.

On Saturday he was given a guard of honor by both teams and presented with an engraved pewter mug after the match.

A Reserves player Brian Darcey played his 200th match for Parks last Saturday, and Under 18 player Greg .Mayne, his 50th."

"Parkside captain-coach Barry Beattie, with 18 marks and 32 kicks for the match, was the outstanding player in the Parkside- Kingsville match.

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Officials feel that at even this early stage he would be a good tip for the best and - fairest award if he could continue with his good form.

Parks look like being a vastly improved side this year, and could make the four.

Vice-captain to Beattie this season is Leo Daglish, while Mick Banes is captain-coach of the A Reserves.

Former Footscray and Sunshine player Graeme Bean has been appointed coach of the club's Under 16 side, while former coach Lindsay Murphy is coach of the newly-formed Under 12's.

Murphy was picked to play last Saturday, but dropped out at the last minute of his own accord, but he could -again be seen in the black and white colors before very long."

"Former Parkside captain-coach Lindsay Murphy made a comeback at full- forward last Thursday and indirectly contributed greatly to the team's win. Opponents were so intent on stopping him scoring that Peter Meagher, for one, was allowed to continue on his merry way kicking goals. He's kicked seven in the two past matches. Parkside Under 18's are battling for players and look like following Seddon's lead in withdrawing if things don't improve. Any players interested are asked to come to practice on Tuesday or Thursday nights and ask for Coach Peter Meagher."

"Parkside U14's scored its highest ever score since the formation of the side when it kicked 29.42 against Footscray Tech. on Saturday. However it is understood Tech. have been struggling for players and only fielded a side under a threat of expulsion from the competition if they failed to do so."

"One of the best innovations to be introduced into the FDL for some time should come into force either on Saturday or the week after. It will be the roping off of the goal square areas at grounds which are not enclosed and this includes Footscray Park, Hanmer Reserve, Angliss Reserve to name but three.

Good idea because only the goal umpire will be allowed within 35 feet of the goals, and so no-one will be able to tell him his job."

"Braybrook played great wet weather football to down Parkside in Saturday's match of the day. The Brooks were in better command of the ball and backed up better than Magpies to run out winners by 21 points."

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BIG SHOCK IN FDL —ALBION DOWN

"Parkside caused the shock of the week in FDL football with a sound 8 point win over the powerful Albion side on Saturday. The Magpies were too good for the bustling Albion combination and their better teamwork was deciding factor."

May 2nd 1970

"The demands of being coach and player began to take a toll on Ted Whitten Sr.'s ageing body in 1970. He played only four games in the season to break Dick Reynolds' VFL record of 320 games and then announced his retirement."



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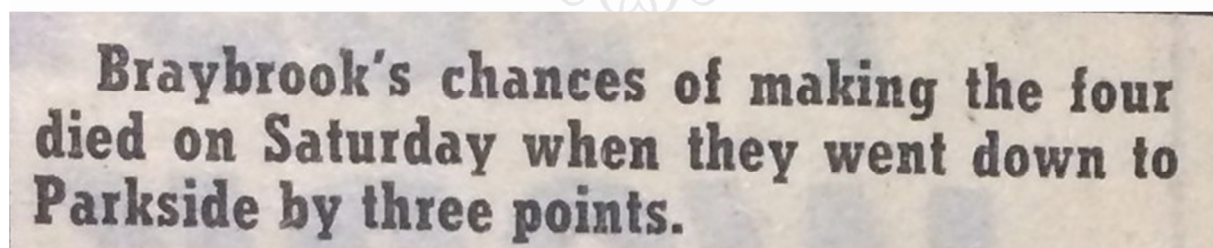


"The Spotswood-Parkside F.D.L. match of the day can premature finish on Saturday when the umpire refused to continue following an all-in donnybrook between players and spectators.

Umpire Ian McDonald called off the game after a pushing and shoving mass of players and spectators traded punches following an incident in which several players clashed. The game had been free of fire until three quarter time, but livened up early in the last term when a Parkside player was reported. No reports followed up the brawl and no points have yet been awarded for the match although Spotswood had a comfortable lead when umpire McDonald called the game off.

The executive will meet tonight to discuss the game and charges will probably be heard against people involved in brawl.

Parkside's best (in the game that ended sensationally) were: Need, Dolphin, Watson, Crouch, Murphy and Beattie."



"The Brooks were unable to hold the Parkside and while they were fighting desperately for the place in the finals."

Parkside 10.14(74) d. Braybrook 10.11(73)

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Melbourne 1970

"Parkside are proving "giant killers" so far this season and have already accounted for previously undefeated sides in Albion and West Footscray.

Improvement is in part due to the return of the Heathcote brothers: John and Ray.

They gave away football for a season to concentrate on sowing with a surf club and finished as members of the Victorian surf boat crew which was runner-up in the Australian titles.

Another player who officials are hoping to persuade to play again this season is chunky rover Ray Griffin — the club's best and fairest winner two seasons ago."

"Interesting report in one Under 14 FDL match on Saturday, Parkside youngster was reported for alleged misconduct in that he moved the goal post while an opponent was having a shot for a goal.

Hard to know if the incident was as serious as it might sound because according to my information the "movement" of the goal post was only slight.

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And the field umpire, particularly in this grade of football, should warn offending players before reporting them in cases such this."

The Mail, 20 May 1970

"Parkside's under 12's captain, James Caldwell, who started playing with the club as a 10 year old in the Under14's, played his 50th game with the club last Saturday.

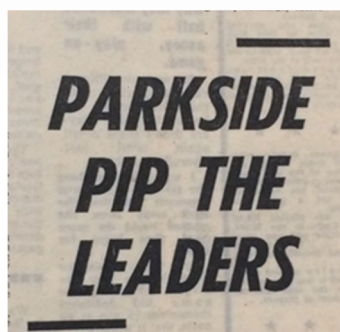
And this side, which comprises some very young players, should be a force in the competition for at least the next two years.

Because, apart from Caldwell, every player in the side including stars like Tony Brbott, Trevor Scgrodde, Glenn Jenner, Dale Murphy and Lee Brett can play for another two seasons."

"Parkside should be strengthening by the return of the Heathcote brothers, Ray and John, and Peter Meagher for their cut throat match against Kingsville this Saturday.

The club's Under 16's combination could be battling for the rest of the season due to the loss of its most important two players in first and second rovers Terry Brett and Trevor Godwin. Brett has a broken wrist, while Godwin had to have a nose operation, and both could be out for the rest of the season.

Still captain Wayne Davis is leading the side well, and coach Graeme Bean (the Sunshine footballer) is showing good senior coaching potential with the "kids."

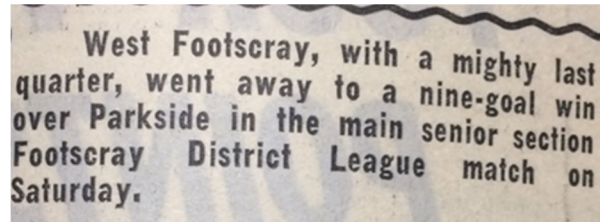


"Parkside pipped leaders Albion in the main senior section Footscray District League match on Saturday to hold onto fourth place."

Parkside 10.14 d. Albion 9.14

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West Footscray, with a mighty last quarter, went away to a nine-goal win over Parkside in the main senior section Footscray District League match on Saturday.

"All games were affected badly by the strong gusty wind, and most grounds had dried out into hard surfaces which tested the players."

"Spotswood consolidated their position with a good win over St. Albans. Parkside, hoping for a Kingsville loss, got a big percentage booster over F&Y Socials."

In brilliant touch with Parkside were Heathcote, Rees, Crouch, Beattie and Rice."

The Mail, 19 August 1970

"This week has been an exceptional one for the McGraw family who are closely associated with Parkside. This Saturday, Paul McGraw former Maidstone player, will play his 150th FDL game."

But Last Saturday his wife Gloria presented him with their first child, and last Sunday, Paul's father Tom, a former FDL registrar and executive member, won \$1000 in Parkside's special effort."

Don't know if father and son had a two-way interest in the winning prize, but nonetheless Parkside officials hope a "pie night" on the house, could be in the offing."

"Parkside Under 12 full back Andrew Barnard coped a broken leg against Braybrook two weeks ago and although his injury is fairly serious with break in two places. Andrew is taking it all light-heartedly."

In fact he's taken to collecting as many autographs as he can on his plaster cast."

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"Parkside lost its place four players in the A Grade four after a defeat at hands of Kingsville last Sunday, but officials rate it a good performance to be beaten by only 11 points with only four players "trying".

And a quiet tip for the A Grade best and fairest Tis said Parkside captain-coach Barry Beattie was slightly ahead at the latest count, and he would have received another three votes last Saturday."

"Parkside Under 12 youngster Dale Murphy, son of former A Grade coach Lindsay Murphy, has bolted in with the club's best and fairest award — yet still has two years left to play in this division.

Dale won with 88 votes from Tolly Brbot (42) who finished second on a countback from Lee Brett, also 42.

Under 16 captain Wayne Davis won the club's best and fairest trophy with 31 votes from Ray Kelly (27) who was second on a countback from Stephen Cook, also 27."

"Parkside captain coach and former Footscray footballer Barry Beattie has taken off the FDL A Grade best and fairest award --in his first year in the competition.

A GRADE
B. Beattie (Parkside), 25; B. Cuthbertson (West Foots.), 22; G. Gingell (Kingsville), 16; M. Fitzgerald (ICI), 11; I. Crane (West Foots.), 11; J. James (Albion), 10; Borthwick (Braybrook), 10; B. Hall (West Foots.), 9; G. Kelly (Albion), 9; R. Jackavicius (St. Albans), 8; W. Findley (West Foots.), 8; G. McMahon (Albion), 8; A. Saunders (Kingsville), 7; J. Gallagher (F & Y), 7; R. Swaj (St. Albans), 7; I. Jones (Parkside), 7; M. McDonald (Spotswood), 7; F. Van Leeuwin (St. Albans), 7; M. Alldis (Braybrook), 6; C. Wellesford (ICI), 6; L. Nason (North Foots.), 6; R. Miller (Parkside), 6; P. Campbell (Seddon), 6; A. McAsey (F & Y), 6.

BEATTIE IS FDL BEST
Parkside captain coach and former Footscray footballer Barry Beattie has taken off the FDL A Grade best and fairest award — in his first year in the competition.
Beattie polled 25 votes (five first, four second, and two third) to beat West Footscray captain Bruce Cuthbertson (22) and Kingsville youngster Glenn Gingell (16).
In A Reserves last year's runner-up Gary Hollingsworth (West Footscray) won on a countback from Kingsville captain-coach Arthur Blackwood. Both polled 10 votes.
Footscray's G. Kinniburgh took off the Under 18 award with 27 votes from West Footscray's Tony Fregonese, 23, while in Under 16 Braybrook YCWs Terry Hudson won easily with 30 votes from Glenn Western (Braybrook) and Gary Steel (Albion) who both polled 20 votes.
Full voting details are:
(Spotswood) 6, L. Dean (West Foots.) 6, J. Mitchell (West Foots.) 6, Z. Kratsis (St. Albans) 6, S. Barry (St. Albans) 6, J. McInnes (West Foots.) 6, R. Merrihan (Albion) 5, A. Lindsay (Braybrook) 5, P. Ebeyer (F & Y) 5, T. Douglins (Kingsville) 5, A. Barker (Kingsville) 5, B. Dalton (Parkside) 5, D. Doran (West Foots.) 5, J. Godwin (Kingsville) 5.
UNDER 18
G. Kinniburgh (Footscray) 27, A. Fregonese (West Foots.) 23, T. Withington (Albion) 20, R. Henderson (F & Y) 20, A. Hall (ICI) 19, D. Roberts (St. Albans) 17, B. Davitt (ICI) 13, G. Johnston (Parkside) 13, N. Gimai (West Foots.) 12, D. Taylor (St. Albans) 12, G. Morris (Braybrook) 12.

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Barrie Beattie receives his Footscray guernsey from coach Ted Whitten, prior to his VFL debut, 1964

"Parkside captain-coach Barry Beattie has had celebrations all round recently. Not only was he the first Parkside player for 21 years to take off one for best and fairest award. His wife Erica presented him with a baby girl.

To top of an excellent season Beattie also won club's best and fairest awards with 63 votes from Ian Jones (affectionate) known as "Yogi" and who also did particularly well in his first year with the club with 33 and Jeff Rees 31.

Parkside's last FDL "A" Grade best and fairest winner was Bruce Murray back in 1949"

The Mail, August 1970

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Overall, the 1970 season was a rather in and out year for Parkside. A grade just missed the four; A Reserves, Under 18's, Under 16's, and Under 12's struggled all year, while Under 14's made four.

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The 1971 FDFL season was opened in extremely hot weather.

The chronic junior player shortage seemed to have surfaced again at start of the 1971 season.

FDFL boss in his interview for The Mail in 1971 was a very critical of young people in western suburbs.

"Youth Is Lazy" - F.D.L president

"Three teams have been withdrawn from Footscray District League competitions because of lack of players.

And FDL president, Mr. Bob Dye, this week at-tacked teenagers — par-ticularly the 17 to 19 age group — for its non-parti-cipation in active sport.

He said he would not mind so much if the young men were playing some sport other than football but unfortunately they had taken the role of sporting spectators.

In many cases they were getting themselves into trouble and making a nuisance of themselves, he said.

Mr. Dye said the lack of participation could be due to present trends such as availability of motor cars, interest in girls, too much money and to a lesser extent greater involvement in studies.

But he also put it down pure laziness and apathy towards keeping themselves fit.

Mr. Dye said the FDL executive had been aware of the situation for several seasons, but alarming fall off this year. He added that several clubs were battling to keep Under 18 sides on the field.

One club which had 134 registered players last year had a mere 22 registered at the start of this season.

Mr. Dye dismissed the idea that football was too tough and stressed that the executive set high standards of conduct and would not tolerate any larrikanism.

He said it was non-players who caused most of trouble and police were always alerted on these occasions. He added that parents must accept some of the responsibility for not encouraging their children to play sport. Teams which have withdrawn from their competitions are Seddon and North Footscray, Under-18's and Footscray Socials A Reserves.

This has resulted in a completely new draw commencing this week for the Under-18 competition and a revision of the A Reserves fixture.

The team with one bye will now play the team drawn to play F & Y Socials (this will avoid having byes each week).

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These games will be played on the home ground of the team with the bye. Match points and percentage gained or lost in the first two rounds will remain unaltered.

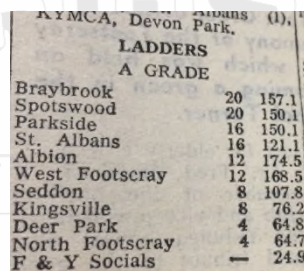
Mr. Dye concluded by appealing to all the youth of the district not playing sport to get off their bottoms and do something, rather than idling their time away in useless pur-suits."

St. Albans were perhaps fortunate to gain the points over Parkside in opening game of the 1971 season. *"And it seems a joke when you put the difference of 2 points down to greater fitness winning the game for the Saints in a very tight finish.*

Parkside were far from disgraced and will improve as the year progresses."

In the fifth round Parkside defeated Albion. "Parkside going in harder and looking for a man were too strong for Albion, who wilted under pressure.

Parkside are now playing power football and are going to be hard to beat from here on."



LADDERS A GRADE		
Braybrook	20	157.1
Spotswood	20	150.1
Parkside	16	150.1
St. Albans	16	121.1
Albion	12	174.5
West Footscray	12	168.5
Seddon	8	107.8
Kingsville	8	76.2
Deer Park	4	64.8
North Footscray	4	64.7
F & Y Socials	—	24.9

ladder after round 5 in 1971 season



"Greater fitness, better teamwork and determined last quarter effort gave Braybrook victory over Parkside in Saturday's match of the day. It's time Park's players realised that to win games and stay at the top you MUST TRAIN and until ALL players do this they will not win important games."

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"Parkside firmly established themselves as a final four contender when they downed Spotswood by one goal in the best game of the season so far.

Parkside's steadiness in a tight finish earned them the points.

Parks had a slight edge in attack but struggled to counter Spottie's relentless attack in the third quarter.

Spotswood as usual, lacked pace early, but gradually wore Parks down.

A shot for goal by a Spottie player after the final siren saw the amazing sight of Parkside players sitting on each other's shoulders in the goal square to keep out the kick, with a Spottie player pushing the jockeys off the shoulders.

It was a hilarious sight, of which the field umpire was unaware.

*Question: Is this permissive under the rules of the game. **Parkside 15.7 (97) d. Spotswood 13.13 (91)"***

Parkside's loss to West Footscray has left the door wide open for five teams to get into the four and the battle is really on from here on.		LADDERS A GRADE	
Parkside's loss was a severe jolt to their confidence, but if the lessons of two successive defeats are taken to heart, they will come back fighting. West Footscray and Albion showed they can take a hiding without losing faith in themselves, but they must be more consistent in future if they are to contest the finals. Seddon were		Spotswood	44 (173.0)
		Braybrook	44 (172.0)
		West Footscray	32 (153.0)
		Parkside	32 (124.0)
		St. Albans	32 (103.0)
		Albion	28 (141.0)
		Seddon	28 (121.0)
		Nth. Footscray	20 (81.0)
		Kingsville	16 (71.0)
		Deer Park	8 (71.0)
		F & Y Socials	4 (41.0)

Standing after 12 rounds in 1971

"Seddon crept two places closer to the four when they wore down Parkside in a high standard, hard contested game on Saturday. Numerous experienced Parks players were found wanting for pace and stamina the bussiness end of the game."

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PARKSIDE ENDS ALBION'S HOPES

"Parkside boosted their final four chances and inflicted a severe blow to Albion's hopes when they took out Saturday's crucial game by three points.

Albion paid dearly for not concentrating on the ball."

West, Parkside in box seat		LADDERS. A GRADE.	
		Spotswood	56 (157.7)
		Braybrook	52 (152.3)
		West Footscray	44 (147.0)
		Parkside	44 (135.1)
		Seddon	40 (117.3)
		St. Albans	40 (102.1)
			26 (159.8)

"Parkside being well beaten at half, came back and wore down the Braybrook team."

Parkside 16.11 d. Braybrook 14.14

**FDL senior finals
start on Saturday**

The Footscray District League senior finals start on Saturday.

Braybrook will meet Spotswood at Yarraville in the A Grade second semi-final on Saturday, with the winner going into the Grand Final.

Parkside will meet West Footscray in the A Grade first semi-final, to be played at J. R. Parsons Reserve, Sandford Street, Albion.

Both games will start at 2.20 p.m.

Other games on Saturday are:
Under 16 (I) — Spotswood v. Altona NBYC, at Yarraville Oval at 10 a.m.

Reserves — Braybrook v. Albion, at Yarraville Oval 12 noon.
Under 16 (I) — Kingsville v. West Footscray, at J. R. Parsons Reserve at 10 a.m.
Reserves — Kingsville v. St. Albans, at J. R. Parsons Reserve at 12 noon.

The two under-18 semi-finals will be played on Sunday at the Western Oval.

Braybrook will meet West Footscray in a game starting at 12 noon and Spotswood will play Footscray at 2.20 p.m.

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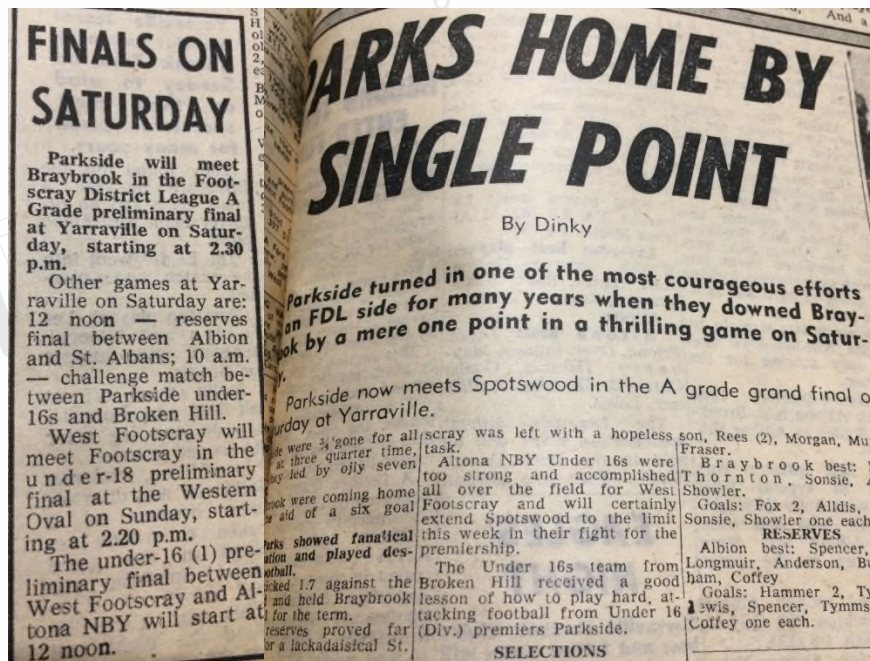
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TEAM	W	L	F	A	%	P E
BRAYBROOK	15	4	1751	1170	149.8	80
SPOTSWOOD	15	4	1765	1220	144.8	80
PARKSIDE	14	5	1774	1288	137.7	56
W. FOOTSCRAY ..	13	6	1886	1379	136.7	52
Albion	12	7	1791	1150	155.7	48
.. ..	12	7	1577	1344	117.3	48

Ladder after home-and-away season 1971

"In the A Grade semi-final, Parkside were too powerful, all over the ground, for West Footscray who never gave up trying.

But with Parkside applying the pressure in the final quarter, they were never in danger of defeat. Parkside's performance was first class and they loom as the team to beat to win the flag."



"Parkside turned in one of the most courageous efforts by an FDL side for many years when they downed Braybrook by a mere one point in a thrilling game on Saturday.

Parkside now meets Spotswood in the A Grade grand final on Saturday at Yarraville."

Parkside 6.11 (47) d. Braybrook 6.10 (46)

Parkside best were: Darcy, Thompson, Rees(2), Morgan, Murphy and Fraser.

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"The Footscray District League season ended on a sensational note on Saturday when the A grade premiership rested on a kick after the final siren.

Veteran Lindsay Murphy had the chance to snatch the premiership for Parkside with a kick for goal from 45 yards out.

He missed – and Spotswood took the flag by a mere three points. In a lightning opening Parkside kicked 7.8 to 4.1 and were playing desperation football. Peter Meagher was a very creative forward and making many opportunities for players around him.

Spottie appeared to be suffering from nervous tension and took a long time to settle down.

At half time, Parkside held a 15 point lead which was a good indication of the state of the game at this stage.

After half time, it was noticeable that Parkside had slowed down considerably and Spottie who had playing too loose on one back line, played closer with beneficial results.

At three-quarter time Parkside still held a seven point lead, and it was anybody's game .

A dour struggle was seen in the final quarter and the large crowd present was on their toes right to the final siren.

It was a magnificent finish to one of the most open competitions for many years and was indicative of the evenness of teams.

Congratulations to Spotswood and well done Parkside."

Spotswood 15.12 (102) d. Parkside 14.15 (99)

The Mail, September 8, 1971

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First Under Age Premiership

Premiers Under 16 -Season 1971

Back Row: L-R, J. Sfefou, J. De Bono, S. Bayard, P. Wilson, S. Sullivan, M. Smith, C. McDonald, T. Brett (V. Captain)

Standing: J. Seex (Runner), P. Bacon, R. Rowe, C. Sullivan, B. Stent, J. Condos, K. Clark, P. Mathews, N. O'Connor (Manager)

Sitting: B. Rickards (Treas.), P. Cocks (President), M. Chetcuti, G. Seex, G. Bean (Coach), W. Davis (Captain), G. Cooke, C. Cooke (Secretary), H. Pascarl (V. President)

Front: M. Seex (Mascot)

For the A Grade, the 1971 season was the last successful for the entire 70's decade.

The 1972 season saw seven new coaches in A grade. The league changed the age groups in the juniors and a record 90 teams were competing through various grades.

Nevertheless, a start of the 1972 season delivered a really good football.

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Champagne football in District League

"In A Grade the Parkside – North Footscray clash was a beauty with both sides turning on a first class exhibition. The game resulted in a cliff-hanger with the result in doubt until the final siren.

North Footscray 19.12 d. Parkside 18.8

Parkside best: Tudor, Meagher, Bishop, Daglish and Beattie."

The round five brought a violent weekend all over the FDL grades. There were 14 reports, mainly for abusive language and striking.

On the brighter side, Parkside player Mick Banes played his 200th with the club.

LADDERS: A GRADE.						A RESERVES.					
	W.	D.	L.	%	P.		W.	D.	L.	%	P.
Nth. Footscray . . .	15	—	4	150.8	60	Braybrook . . .	18	—	1	251.3	72
Spotswood . . .	14	—	5	133.6	56	Parkside . . .	17	—	2	209.6	68
Braybrook . . .	14	—	5	131.2	56	Albion . . .	13	—	6	149.8	52
West Footscray	14	—	5	118.7	56	West Footscray	12	—	7	128.5	48
Kingsville . . .	12	—	7	126.3	48	Spotswood . . .	9	—	10	115.6	36
Parkside . . .	12	—	7	128.7	56	St. Albans . . .	9	—	10	95.2	36
Albion . . .	12	—	7	117.9	48	Seddon . . .	8	—	11	75.0	32
Seddon . . .	9	—	10	92.2	36	Kingsville . . .	5	—	14	67.3	20
St. Albans . . .	6	—	13	98.2	24	Nth. Footscray	4	—	15	47.1	16
F. & Y. Socials . .	4	—	15	43.4	16	Deer Park . . .	1	—	18	44.9	4
Deer Park . . .	1	—	18	44.9	4						

Ladder at the end of the 1972 season (A Grade and A Reserves)

Parkside's A Reserves team played against Albion in the 1972 grand final.

"Parkside were too strong and talented for Albion in A Reserves and these two sides had unique distinction of playing a match of five different quarters

This eventuated when the timekeeper accidentally blew the siren when a melee had developed in the second quarter. Before the mistake could be rectified, both sides and umpires had left the field with 10 minutes plus time-on still to play.

Both sides had their half-time break, then returned to the field and played the reminder of the second quarter.

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After another brief break, they resumed their third quarter. Parkside deserved their win, because they were more determined and played fast, play-on football to run right away Albion, whose form was not a match on their previous week's exhibition."

A Reserves 1972 grand final:

Parkside 12.10 (82) d. Albion 5.4 (34)



Parkside Football Club – FDFL 1972 Reserves Premiers

Back Row: A. Grenfell (Trainer), B. Summers, J. Carr, K. Peachey, G. Fahey

Third Row: J. Lee (Official), T. Brett, M. Baines, J. Mason, T. Crean, G. Crick, M. Crick, P. Meagher (Official), N. O'Connor (Official), B. Grenfell (Trainer)

Second Row: C. Cook (Secretary), H. Pascarl (Vice President), J. Fraser (Time Keeper), N. Grenfell, J. Engwerda (Vice Captain), P. Cox (President), B. Dalton (Capt. Coach), L. Murphy, B. Rickards (Tres.), Mrs P. Whittey (Official)

Front Row: T. Mason (B. Umpire), P. Bishop, M. Russell, C. Sullivan, G. Bean, P. McGraw, S. Davonport, R. Bentley

There was an unexpected incident occurred in July 1972, while FDL tribunal were in the office.

"Five members of the Footscray District Football League tribunal were locked inside a room on Tuesday night of last week allegedly by a player who had just been suspended."

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When the members of the tribunal, besides two umpires, two players and two players' advocates tried to leave the room they found the door had been bolted from the outside.

A FDL spokesman said yesterday: "One of them had to risk injury to himself by climbing over a roof so that he could get outside and open the door."



The tribunal was meeting in the harriers' pavilion at Footscray Oval.

"Some time elapsed before the door could be opened," the spokesman said. Whoever pushed home the bolt outside the door can only be described as an idiotic no-hoper."

The spokesman said it was believed a suspended player could be the culprit, as he and his advocate were the last people to leave the room before it was bolted from the outside.

The FDL also investigating allegations that a club official who was acting as timekeeper ran on to the field during a junior FDL match on Saturday morning and struck players."

The Mail, July 1972

"Dale Murphy, a junior player with Parkside Football Club, plays his 100th game in the Under 15 Grand Final on Sunday.

Dale first played with Parkside when he was eight in the under 14 competition before the introduction of the under 12 grade to which he later transferred.

Later, the Footscray District League changed to odd numbers and Dale played in the under 13 and now under 15 grades. -

Dale is a student at Altona North High School and is a member of the school team.

In the summer, Dale is a batsman-wicketkeeper with the Footscray Colts.

Dale is the eldest son of Lindsay and Beryl Murphy, of Valerian Avenue, North Altona.

His father, Lindsay, is a former Williamstown player and past senior coach of Parkside.

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He is present coach of Parkside's under-15 and under 13 teams.

Dale's younger brother, Glen, has played more than 70 games with Parkside and is playing in the under 13 grand final on Sunday."



Parkside Football Club – Under 11 (1972 Season)

Back Row: C. Neylon, D. Neylon, G. Considine, P. Cammerino, M. Cartligde, J. Greenwood, G. Morris, D. Yoemans, P. Meagher (Official), I. Jones (Official), P. Filbin (Official)

Second Row: G. Wills, J. Evans, P. Nicholls, K. Green, R. Gale, J. Humphrey

Third Row: N. Rycroft, R. Jackson, G. Fenwick, G. Murphy (Vice Captain), L. Murphy (Coach), C. Knox (Captain), C. Bendall, Z. Stefanovski, V. Mallia, B. Neylon (Official), J. Parson (Official)

Front Row: D. Considine, J. Nicholls, I. Fenwick, S. Neylon (Mascot), M. Mathews, D. Brown-Kerr, P. Crowley

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Parkside recorded their first victory for the 1973 season with a big win over Kingsville.

"Kingsville, at home to Parkside, decided it would be a nice gesture to give the visitors first use of the goals which Parkside took to its full advantage.

At 9 goals 5 points to 2 points Kingsville realised they too were allowed to kick the ball over the goal umpires head, and so started what was to be a great comeback.

Early in the last quarter they drew to 4 goals, however Parkside, showing the finesse of finals side, tightened and barraged the goals just when Kingy looked like catching them."

Despite sitting at the bottom of the ladder, Parkside was able to influence dynamics of competition defeating the top teams during the 1973 season.

Parkside 9.12 d. Braybrook 5.9

"Parkside showed in A Grade that they are capable of upsetting many more sides before the season is over."

"Parkside are another side coming home well and are a side that could have a big bearing on the composition of the four."

Parkside 41.20 d. F & Y Socials 4.2

As the season progressed, you could tell that the Parkside had improved considerably.

"Parkside jolted West Footscray's finals hopes when they defeated them by 24 points and also gave an indication that they are still a final four contender themselves."

Parkside 13.6 d. West Footscray 10.10

"Parkside are making a determined bid for the finals, but may have left their run a little too late."



62 The Mail, Wednesday, July 18, 1973

SHOCK DEFEAT HITS PARK

BY GEOFF SHORTHOUSE

Parkside was surprisingly beaten by North Footscray on Saturday and has slipped behind in the race for the Footscray District League A grade final four. West Footscray stayed in the running with a good win over St. Albans.

LADDERS A GRADE			
Albion	17	1	154.3 68
Braybrook	15	3	153.8 60
St. Albans	12	6	144.9 48
West Footscray	12	6	129.2 48
Spotswood	12	6	126.9 48
Dear Park	10	8	110.3 40
Seddon	10	8	100.7 40
Parkside	8	10	125.2 32
Nth. Footscray	7	11	97.5 28
Kingsville	3	15	52.0 12
F&Y Socials	2	16	25.0 8

A RESERVE

"Parkside was surprisingly beaten by North Footscray on Saturday and has slipped behind in the race for the Footscray District League A Grade final four."

The team finished in mid table that season.

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Parkside Football Club - A Reserves – 1973 Premiers

Back Row: R. Miller, G. Crick, B. Summers, B. D'Arcy, P. McGraw, G. Roth, P. Favaro, A. Bouekley, G. Hibberd, P. Webster

Standing: J. Whitty (Comm.), A. Grenfell (Comm.), C. Cooke (Man), S. Davenport, G. Fenby, N. Grenfell, P. Cocks (President), L. Murphy, R. Goosey, C. Sullivan, H. Pascarl (V. President), R. Turner (Asst. Coach), J. Fraser (Time Keeper)

Seated: R. Sheppard, R. Cooke (Bound. Ump.), L. Daglish, B. Richards (Treasurer), J. Enwerda (Dept.V.Capt.), B. Dalton (Captain and Coach), R. Bentley (Vice Capt.), B. Dolphin (Secretary), D. Tudor, B. Grenfell (Trainer), G. Rees

Front: L. Magor, M. Russell, V. Enwerda (Mascot), C. Enwerda (Mascot), G. Summers, M. Enwerda (Mascot), J. Carr, J. Galvin



Parkside Football Club – Hobart Trip 1973

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1974

On the eve of the FDFL 1974 season it was not secret anymore that clubs were prepared to pay the players to secure their "loyalty."



"The magic word in Footscray District League circles is money. And some clubs could be led to the Bankruptcy Court unless officials plant their feet firmly on the ground and start calling a spade a spade."

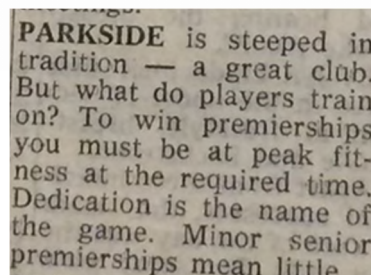
Why officials and supporters repeatedly succumb to the demands of fringe senior players in favour of the loyal rank and file men never ceases to amaze me.

The 'fringies' have no club loyalty or team spirit and as soon as the money supply is cut they leave the clubs for dead.

Well, enough griping (and a worthwhile whinge, too) and on to more football. How do I think the teams will fare in 1974?

I'll tell you.

To be successful, a team must have good administration, loyalty, player dedication, discipline, harmony and good members and supporters.



"Parkside is steeped in tradition — a great club. But what do players train on? To win premierships you must be at peak fitness at the required time. Dedication is the name of the game. Minor senior premierships mean little."

The Mail, April 3, 1974

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Maribyrnong River in flood - 16 May 1974

The Mail informed in May 1974 that, *"Parkside outclassed Deer Park to win by 113 points in a one-sided affair at Parkside. It was a complete reversal of form for Parks who had suffered a defeat the previous week at West."*

"Parkside are once again the unpredictable as after a dismal performance against Albion up they come and trounce Spotswood by 40 points.

The first quarter saw Parks waste many opportunities kicking 1-7.

However, once they straightened up it was shut the gate and they were never headed."

Parkside 13.15 (93) d. St. Albans 9.16 (70)

Parkside goals: Punshon 4, O'Donnell, Sullivan Jones 2, R. Tudor, D. Tudor, Crouch. Best: M. Crick Jones, Punshon, Sullivan, Morgan, Dalglish.

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Parkside Football Club – Open Age – 1974 Season

Back Row (L-R): R. Miller, R. Punshon, C. Sullivan, B. Clark, K. Rodway (Comm.), L. Murphy (V. President), R. Fraser, G. Cavanagh, R. Goosey, G. Crick

Standing: R. Turner (Comm.), G. Fenby, P. Filbin (Comm.), P. Bishop, J. Enwarda, N. Grenfell, B. Rickards (Treas.), R. Salmon, G. Rees, P. Clark, H. Pascarl (V. President), N. O'Connor (Comm.)

Seated: B. Neylon (Comm.), B. Dalton (Capt. and Coach Res.), P. O'Donnell (Asst. Coach), B. Dolphin (Secretary), B. Beattie (Capt. Coach), P. Cocks (President), F. Kenby (Dept. V. Capt.), R. Bentley (V.Capt.Res.), A. Grenfell (Trainer)

Front Row: L. Magor, I. Jones, G. Turner (Mascot), M. Crick, M. Barber



"An eight-goal second quarter burst squashed Parkside in the big Footscray District Football League clash last Saturday.

Parkside frittered away many opportunities in the first term. They only scored three goals from 11 scoring shots.

Parkside rallied in the third quarter; however Seddon had too big a lead and scored a very good win."

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"In the A Grade matches Parkside moved a big step closer to the finals with a win against West Footscray. Trailing at the last change Parkside finished strongly to win by seven points."

		W	D	L	P.C.
Albion	13	—	—	52	197.63
Braybrook	11	—	2	44	197.84
W. Footscray	10	—	3	40	154.80
Parkside	9	—	4	36	155.44
Spotswood	8	—	5	32	156.02
Seddon	7	—	6	28	106.78
St. Albans	6	—	7	24	91.42
N. Footscray	5	—	8	20	96.54
Kingsville	5	—	8	20	79.86
Deer Park	3	—	10	12	66.94
F & Y Socials	1	—	12	4	19.78

Ladder after round 13



"Parkside is looming as a threat for the A Grade premiership in the Footscray District League following its great win over Albion on Saturday."

Parkside won the game with a brilliant seven goal burst in the third term which left Albion on Saturday."

		W	D	L	P.C.
Albion	17	-	1	68	194.83
Braybrook	16	-	2	64	184.71
W. Footscray	14	-	4	56	164.57
Parkside	13	-	5	52	145.40
Spotswood	11	-	7	44	163.31
Seddon	9	-	9	36	105.94
Nth. Footscray	8	-	10	32	95.11
St. Albans	7	-	11	28	80.99
Kingsville	7	-	11	28	75.58
Deer Park	4	-	14	16	69.22
F&Y Socials	2	-	16	8	20.71

Ladder after home-and-away 1974 season

In the semi-final Parkside played against West Footscray.



West rattled on seven goals to one in a dazzling last performance against Parkside last week and has regained early form."

West Footscray 14.12 (96) d. Parkside 10.11 (71)

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Parkside Football Club - Under 11 – Runners-Up – 1974

Back Row: W. Taylor (Goal Ump.), A. Laffey, M. Dorgan, G. Mallia, D. Gunn, G. Sargent, A. Slattery, M. Pellet, P. Millet, S. Taylor, D. Humphrey, W. Rickards, G. Allen, R. Salmon (Runner)

Middle Row: P. Filbin, A. Dorgan, C. Watt, D. Neylon (Timekeeper), G. Wills, T. Lockwood, S. Haney

Front Row: P. Clark (Boundary), K. Sargent, D. Allen, P. Clarke (Manager), D. Considine (C), B. Watt (Coach), D. Brown-Kerr (Vice Capt.), P. Cocks (President), G. Milne, J. Dorgan (Trainer)

1975

According to Kevin Hillier, "The 1975 season saw the demise of the F & Y Socials from the competition, but Braybrook continued to power on, and not only at senior level. Its juniors were also

building their own history. Boasting future stars like Doug Hawkins it proved to be an awesome combination, as Parkside stalwart Neville O'Connor recalls:

"I remember we went up to Braybrook one day and playing was Doug Hawkins, Brian Wilson, Robert Gronewagen and Donnie Wilson. There was four of them in the one under sixteen side and they were some of the most brilliant junior football seen over the years."

In the 1975 season in round two, Parkside kept up to Braybrook until three quarter time, when Braybrook scored 43 points to nil to win by 65 points.

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Parkside defeated Kingsville in round three by 25 points. Parkside best players were: Morgan, Clark, Sullivan, Rees, Crook and Watson.

Goals: Crook 4, O'Donnell 3, Sullivan 2, Crouch, Rees, Engwerda and Punshin.

*Footy clubs; be
raffle-wise*

The Mail, June 11th 1975, warned the local football clubs that "a club official was placed on a \$200, 12 months' good behaviour bond at Footscray Court last Thursday after facing a charge involving an alleged illegal raffle. And magistrate Mr. J. Wallace told him: "I know what goes on in football clubs. I'd be blind if I didn't; but I am bound by an act of Parliament."



• Even the teenagers flocked to Highpoint West for the opening on Tuesday morning — there were bargains in the jeans store, and the youngsters were willing to do battle for a good pair of

Thousands pack new Highpoint shops



"Even the teenagers flocked to Highpoint West for opening on Tuesday morning — there were bargains in the jeans store, and youngsters were willing to do battle for a good pair of "baggies".

Thousands of shopper's packed Highpoint West only minutes after the doors were opened at the Rosamond Road complex on Tuesday morning.... One elderly woman fell. It is believed she was admitted to Western General Hospital."

In round eight, Parkside defeated Deer Park by 69 points.

Ladders after round eight

	W	D	L	Pts	Gr
West Footscray	8	0	0	16	1
Braybrook	7	1	0	14	2
St. Albans	6	2	0	12	3
Albion	6	1	1	13	4
Seddon	5	3	0	10	5
Spartanwood	5	2	1	12	6
North Footscray	4	4	0	8	7
Parkside	4	3	1	11	8
Kingsville	3	4	1	10	9
Deer Park	2	3	3	7	10

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"The Rousabout Restaurant in Nicholson Strret, Footscray, is almost booked out for tonight's exclusive appearance by American rhythm-and-blues star Bo Didley."

The club finished fourth at the end of the home and away season.

Albion	17	-	1	68	194.83
Braybrook	16	-	2	64	184.71
W. Footscray	14	-	4	56	164.57
Parkside	13	-	5	52	145.40
Spotswood	11	-	7	44	163.31
Seddon	9	-	9	36	105.94
Nth. Footscray	8	-	10	32	95.11
St. Albans	7	-	11	28	80.99
Kingsville	7	-	11	28	75.58
Deer Park	4	-	14	16	69.22
F&Y Socials	2	-	16	8	20.71

In the semi-final West Footscray "rattled on seven goals to one in a dazzling last performance against Parkside last week and has regained early formed."

West Footscray 14.12 (96) d. Parkside 10.11 (71)

Nevertheless, the club had a strong 1975 season.

Handicapped Parkside had a great year

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Handicapped Parkside had a great year!

"Four Four Parkside teams got in the finals despite the club's handicap — it has not been able to play on home ground (Henry Turner reserve) for three years and floods forced it off its temporary ground (Footscray Park) this season.

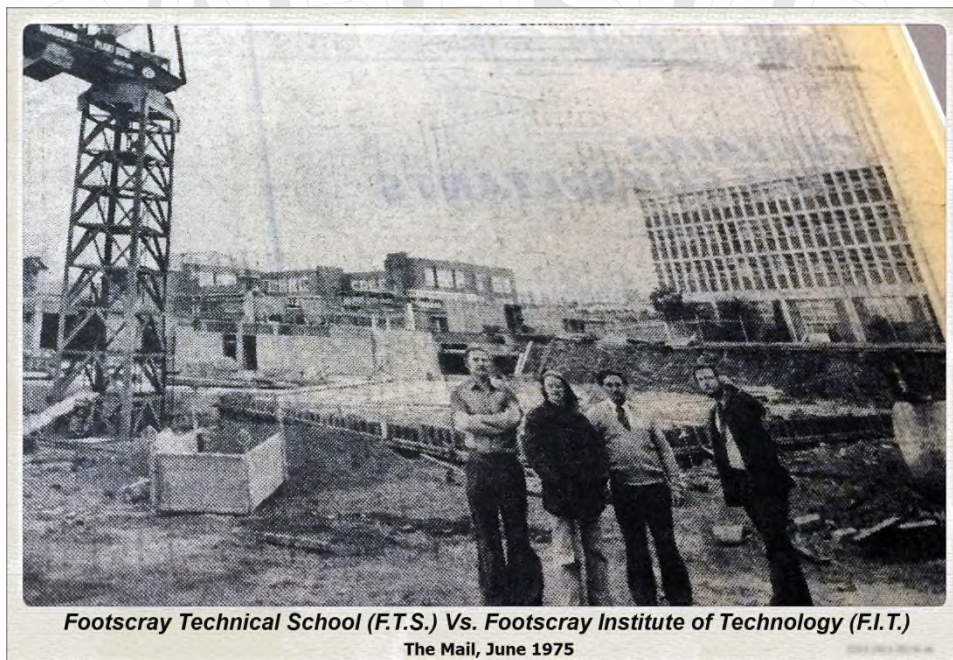
Two sides — the under 17s and under 15s won premierships. The flag winners were coached by former Williamstown players Lyndsay Murphy (under 15's) and Bobby Turner (under 17's). Parkside's success story doesn't end there.

Two club members Herb Pascari and Brian Rickards became life governors of the Royal Children's Hospital last week.

The club has raised more than \$2000 for the hospital.

The club — one of the oldest in the western suburbs — looks to more success when improvements to its home ground are finished."

The Mail, September 1975



Teachers at Footscray Technical School are prepared to take strike action over the takeover of the school by Footscray Institute of Technology (Victoria University – Footscray Park campus).

The school's parent-staff action committee was formed to oppose the takeover until the 800 pupil-school is relocated in a new building.

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1976

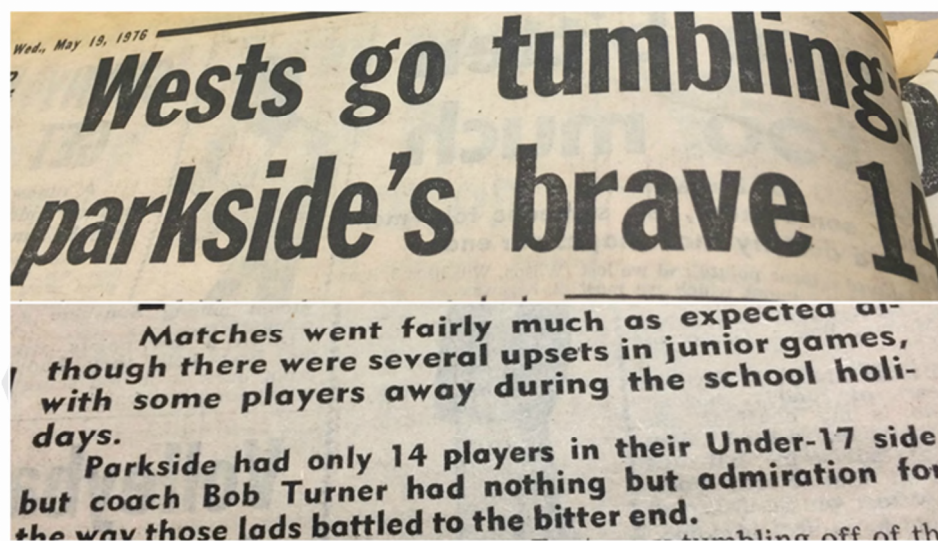
The 1976 season started on fine note. Ideal conditions and a high standard of football highlighted the opening round of the Footscray District Football League.

Parkside had to fight hard to defeat Deer Park in the opening match of the 1976 campaign.

Parkside player, Niel Grenfell played his 200th game for the club.

In the second round, Parkside failed against Braybrook after both sides were level at half time.

The club continued to struggle to field junior players.



Geoff Shorthouse, the writer for The Mail, claimed in his article from June 1976, that the state of football infrastructure in FDFL was in very poor conditions.

FDL grounds not up to scratch

"This week's pause in the FDL competition gives me an opportunity to say something that needs saying — many of our grounds are just not up to scratch.

FDL is right at the heart of sport in the west and something should be done to lift the standard of playing areas, accommodation and amenities. Looking around the grounds in the FDL, I feel many fail to reach certain requirements.

Many are unfenced, changing facilities are often inadequate and coaches, timekeepers and supporters are not always provided for.

In discussing those grounds, I am not having a shot at the clubs, just stating facts.

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ALBION: Enclosed, and ranks as one of the top grounds in FDL.

ALTONA Nth.: No enclosed playing area. Becomes water logged during winter.

BRAYBROOK: Enclosed. Fair playing conditions, but visitors' changing room a bit too small.

CROSS ROADS: Enclosed. Another top ground with good amenities.

DEER PARK: Not enclosed. Playing surface very unsatisfactory, although improvement being made.

KINGSVILLE YMCA: Will be on their new ground next year

KINGSVILLE: Not fenced. No provision for to timekeepers and coaches. In wet weather ground tends to become very muddy.

PARKSIDE: New ground next year. Needs fencing. Visitors changing rooms in poor conditions.

SEDDON: Not fenced. Good playing surface but again supporters left out in cold.

SPOTSWOOD: Enclosed. Another top ground, both for playing conditions and amenities.

SUNSHINE YCW: Enclosed. Another good ground.

ST. ALBANS: Enclosed. Good playing conditions, but rooms on small side.

ST. PAULS: Use school oval

SUNSHINE: A VFA ground

YARRAVILLE BOYS: Another VFA ground

WEST FOOTSCRAY: Partly enclosed. Can become a quagmire in wet conditions

Summing up, we have eight enclosed grounds in the whole FDFL and of those two are from VFA clubs and other two belong to junior clubs.

That leaves only four of the 10 senior clubs with anything like what is required for top-class conditions."

The Mail, 16 June 1976

And after 12 rounds, in the Massey's Holden player award, Rod O'Connor of Parkside, and Rod Peterson, of St. Albans were in a commanding position. They had the same amount of points, having six-point lead over Barry Priest of Braybrook.

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A GRADE					
	W	D	L	%	Pts
ALBION	10	—	2	142.9	40
SEDDON	8	—	4	138.8	32
BRAYBROOK	8	—	4	120.9	32
SPOTSWOOD	7	—	5	118.1	28
WEST FOOTSCRAY	7	—	5	115.2	28
ST. ALBANS	6	—	6	97.1	24
KINGSVILLE	5	1	6	94.9	22
PARKSIDE	5	—	7	102.7	20
NORTH FOOTSCRAY	3	1	8	74.6	14
DEER PARK	—	—	12	40.1	—

Ladder after round 12 (1976 season)

In round 17, Parkside with Rod O'Connor bagging 8 goals, were too strong for St. Albans.

Parkside 19.15 d. St. Albans 12.15

Parkside ended the 1976 season with a negative record of six wins and twelve losses.

A GRADE					
	W	D	L	%	Pts
ALBION	15	—	1	150.0	45
SEDDON	13	—	3	133.3	39
BRAYBROOK	13	—	3	120.0	39
SPOTSWOOD	13	—	3	115.4	39
WEST FOOTSCRAY	10	—	6	100.0	30
KINGSVILLE	8	—	8	90.9	24
ST. ALBANS	8	1	9	88.9	25
PARKSIDE	6	—	10	60.0	18
NTH. FOOTSCRAY	3	—	13	23.1	9
DEER PARK	—	—	18	0.0	0

1977

Kevin Hillier brings some interesting facts to light about the 1977 season in his book.

"1977 also saw a new president—Peter Hollings—take over from Les Maxwell. If Peter's history had been known it might never have eventuated:

I often say to my mates, I am the only person suspended for life from the Footscray District League who became the president of the League. I was banned for transferring to an association football club without a clearance; it was silly at that time. I used to play up in the thirds at Footscray and played a couple of seasons and I thought I might go a bit further. I was told by one of the selectors of the day, "We think we could probably use somebody else you know". Immediately the old president of Parkside Football Club was standing alongside me saying, "Here, sign this come and play with Parkside, you're not going to play here". I read the signs and I wasn't going to play at Footscray so I signed the form four.

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But then I didn't do a thing about it, I didn't go down and practice with them (Parkside) or anything like that. I was hesitant at that time because Parkside wasn't well liked in the Footscray District League in those years. They were a pretty rough mob in those days. I didn't go down and practice and they didn't make any great effort to lure me down there. Yarraville at that time was under nineteens and so I was able to play a further underage year down there; so I played with the thirds there for a year and then had a go at their seconds. In between I'd been called to the Executive of the Footscray District League in the old grandstand and asked what excuse did I have for signing a form four and then deciding to go to the association without a clearance. Anyway, they suspended me for life at that stage. I think I hold a pretty unique position."

In the first round of the 1977 season, Parkside who had recruited well during that summer played against Kingsville, who appeared to be the new glamor side of the FDL .

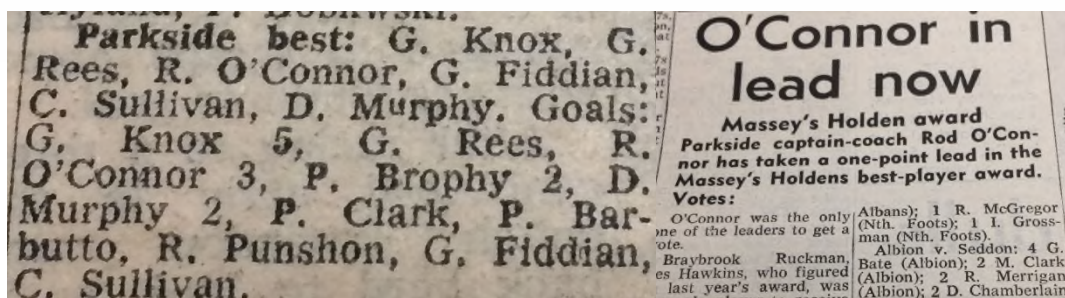
Kingsville was a better side defeating Parks by 41 points.

Playing against Seddon in round three, after leading all day Parkside stopped in the last quarter and allowed Seddon to take a way a sure victory.

"Parkside proved too strong for North Footscray in what appeared to be a scramble game at Parkside. Very impressed with young Murphy on the wing.

It's his first year out of under 17's and he knows what to do with a ball when given an opportunity."

Parkside best against North Footscray were:



"Parkside took a further step towards the four with an eight point win over Altona City, who frittered away many opportunities in the second quarter with inaccurate kicking."

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On round seven, Parkside defeated Braybrook by 10 points. Parkside 9.9 (63) d. Braybrook 7.11 (53).



Big Parkside coach Rod O'Connor again turned in a powerhouse performance ."

In June 1977, FDL round nine was cancelled after members of the adverse weather committee found most grounds unsafe.



For the second time in the 1977 season all FDL games were cancelled because because of bad weather and grounds.



In round 11, Parkside defeated Seddon. "The match of the day, Seddon-Parkside, turned into a real thriller with Parks winning with the last kick.

Seddon were a goal up at the start of time – on after Dennis Thompson scored. However, Parks showed great courage to score two quick goals to win the game and consolidate their position in the four. Ron Fraser was best together with G. Fiddian, B. Clark, D. Murphy, M. Hartley and S. Watson.

	W	D	L	FOR	AGST.	PTS.
1 KINGSVILLE	13	—	1	1396	883	26
2 SPOTSWOOD	11	—	3	1544	1112	24
3 PARKSIDE	10	—	4	1143	911	24
4 ALBION	10	—	4	1323	1057	24
5 BRAYBROOK	9	—	5	1103	985	24
6 WEST FOOTS.	8	—	6	1064	895	24
7 SEDDON	8	—	6	1072	895	24
8 DEER PARK	6	—	8	1020	1015	24
9 NORTH FOOTSCRAY	5	—	9	950	1143	24
10 ALTONA	2	—	12	785	1202	24
11 ST. ALBANS	2	—	12	841	1493	24
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Ladder after round 14 (1977 season)

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Round 15 brought another win for Parkside. This time Parks defeated Deer Park by 31 points. 13.14 to 9.7

In the last round of the 1977 season Parkside was too good for Albion beating them by 16 points.

Parkside 11.15 (81) d. Albion 11. 3 (69)

But this was just consolation win for Parks because Albion was better side in the semi-final clash between those two teams at Yarraville Oval.

"Albion won their way into the prelim. Final with a two point-win against Parkside at the weekend.

But for 5 seconds or an inch Parks would have won. A clearing dash by Albion went to their forward line and Parkside centre Half-Back Fraser tried desperately to punch the ball back.

But it shaved the back of his fist and went over the pack to the ever dangerous Chris Kelly, who turned, ran and kicked the winning goal as the siren sounded.

Parkside played themselves into a sure position just into the third quarter when they led 8.7 to 2.8 kicking with the wind. But they allowed Albion to score four goals against a stiff breeze and that was their downfall."

The FDFL 1977 semi-final:

Albion 11.12.78 d. Parkside 10.16.76

The Mail, August 31, 1977

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The opening match of the 1978 season was reminiscent of the semi-final that Parkside and Albion played at Yarraville Oval in September 1977.

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Albion beat Parkside by 20 points. Parkside's inaccuracy in shooting for goal – they scored 22 points – contributed a great deal to their defeat.

Albion 15.12 (102) d. Parkside 10.22 (82)

Parkside best: Byrachevski, Daglish, Fiddian, Knox, Komp and Punshon.

Parkside has an ingrained tradition and culture of diversity and inclusion which is based on a genuine mateship and love for the game itself.



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"Christakis wins the ball and kicks it to teammate Tzarzaris . . . Xanthos to Albanis and then on to Ktenidis and it's a goal.

Sounds like your typical European soccer match, doesn't it. Needless to say it's not — Christakis, Xanthos, Tzarzaris, Albanis and Ktednides all play footy for the Parkside under-13 (2) team.

They are just five of the 16 lads with foreign names who are on the- Under-13 team list.

"Those names are really a mouthful, especially when you're writing the match reports," said club secretary Bruce Dolphin.

Not that he is complaining.

The kids have lost only one game and are at present on top of the ladder..

"It all started when a few Greek boys joined the club, and from there it just snowballed," said.

Bruce.

From there kids from other nationalities joined in so that now Parks have kids called Cohen and Tifunovic rubbing shoulders on the field.

The Mail photographer managed to snap a picture of a few of them (above) ,at a recent training session.

Pictured back row: Zeno Tzarzaris, Souli Ktenidis, Arthur Xanthos, Chris Kouteris.

Front row: Laurie Abela, Anthony Iduica, Raymond Di Maria, Michael Stelluto, Michael Albanis, George Christakis.

Those "ethnic squad" members absent were:

Danny Cohen, Derek Philistin, Tommy Tassos, Victor Zammit, Stefan Zaharakis, Michael Trifunovic.

Coach of the side, ex-Footscray and Port Melbourne player Bernie Laffey, doesn't have any trouble rolling his tongue around the names.

"He just calls them by their first names," said Bruce."

The Mail, June 14, 1978



Touring Artists - Melbourne, 1978 (Dylan, AC/DC, Bowie)

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Parkside kept their slim hopes alive by defeating Sunshine YC by nine points, after round 8,

Parkside 11.19 (85) d. Sunshine YC 11.10 (76)

Parkside best were: Clark, Knox, Miller, Rees, Thompson, and Watson

A GRADE									
		W	D	L	For	Ag't	Pts.	%	
1	NORTH FOOTSCRAY	9	—	2	947	820	36	115.49	
2	KINGSVILLE	7	1	3	861	797	30	108.03	
3	SPOTSWOOD	7	—	4	956	810	28	118.02	
4	ALBION	6	2	3	1008	857	28	117.62	
5	BRAYBROOK	7	—	4	1091	1021	28	106.86	
6	DEER PARK	6	—	5	1001	946	24	105.81	
7	SUNSHINE Y.C.	5	1	5	926	942	22	98.30	
8	SEDDON	5	—	6	965	870	20	110.92	
9	WEST FOOTSCRAY	4	—	7	992	931	16	106.55	
10	PARKSIDE	4	—	7	885	860	16	102.91	
11	ST. ALBANS	4	—	7	933	1029	16	90.67	
12	ALTONA	—	—	11	465	1457	—	31.91	

Parkside, tipped early in the season as flag favorites, finally came good and knocked the Brookers out of the four. Thirty-one points down at three-quarter time, Braybrook tried desperately to win but were still four points down at the final siren.

Ladder after round 11 (1978 season)



"Seventeen-year old Craig Knox could soon be playing senior football with Footscray if his recent performances can be taken as guide.

Craig, 17 in March, was the only youngster from the western suburbs chosen in the Victorian under-17 side.

This side played in the, Teal Cup -interstate carnival in Adelaide over the Queen's Birthday weekend. Craig won selection in the team after being, named best and fairest in the Footscray District League's combined under-17 team and also being a member of the metropolitan under-17 team.

Craig captains Parkside under-17's in the FDL is also football captain at Essendon Grammar where he is a HSC student.

At 178cm (5 ft. 10 in.) and around 74 kg (11 st. 8 lb.), Craig plays mainly as a centreman and ruck-rover, but was also tried as a wingman in the Victorian team.

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Craig's father, Ron, is also president of Parkside Football Club, where Craig has played more than 100 games since starting with the under-13s.

The Knox family live in Smith Crescent, Footscray, 'and last weekend was a hectic one for Craig's parents, Ron and Ailsa.

Ron and Ailsa returned on Friday from a six-week holiday in England and Europe. On hearing of Craig's selection in the Victorian team, they rushed to Adelaide to watch him play on Saturday and Sunday."

The Mail, June 14. 1978



Kelvin Templeton (1978)

At 21 he'd become the youngest VFL player, and the first Footscray player, to kick magic "ton" (118 goals for the 1978 season).



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Amongst the league's best and fairest players for the 1978 season were:

Gary Considine was Best and fairest (Under 17) and **Daryl Hoy** took second place (Under 11)

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Not only that these a hard working Footscray women who won tattsлото draw had a great reason for celebration. In fact, Parkside Football had its reason to rejoice opening of club's a new social room.

Parkside has social room

Parkside Football Club's new \$4000 social room was officially opened last Thursday night by the Mayor of Footscray, Cr. Paul Holmes.

Club president, Mr. Ron Knox, welcomed Cr. and Mrs. Holmes, also Crs. J. Bristow, E. Logan and F. Maddern.

Cr. Holmes congratulated the club on its centre and praised it for its efforts.

Mr. Hollings added his congratulations and said he hoped other senior clubs in the league would follow Parkside's lead.

Executives of most senior clubs in the competition were also guests at the opening.

Mr. Knox said a co-operative had been formed to finance the venture and

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"Parkside Football Club's new \$34000 social room was officially opened last Thursday night by the Mayor of Footscray, Cr Paul Holmes. They are at the Henry Turner Memorial Reserve, Footscray.

The complex was built by J. & J. Donnar, with part-time assistance coming from Parkside stalwarts, led by Brian Rickards, Neville O'Connor and Bruce Dolphin.

Club president, Mr. Ron Knox, welcomed Cr. And Mrs. Holmes, also Crs. J. Bristow, E. Logan and F. Maddern.

Others welcomed by Mr. Knox were FDL president, Mr. Peter Hollings and Mrs. Hollings; secretary, Mr. John Huntington and his wife; treasurer, Mr. Ian Haskell; vice-president, Mr. Colin McDougall, and registrar, Mr. Les Knights.

Cr. Holmes congratulated the club on its centre and praised it for its effort.

Executives of most senior clubs in the competition were also guests at the opening.

Mr. Knox said a cooperative had been formed to finance the venture and he thanked those who showed confidence in the club by buying shares.

He Presented Cr. Holmes with a club medallion and invited him to become the club's No. 1 member — which Cr. Holmes accepted."

The Mail, April 1979



'Club President Ron Knox is pictured presenting Cr Holmes (left) with the club's No1 medallion'

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The clash between old rivals, Parkside and West Footscray was the highlight of the FDL's opening round of the 1979 season.

"After a slow first half Parkside were too strong for West Footscray, in the third quarter they added 7.2 to 1.3 changing a 17 point deficit to an 18 point lead. This trend continued during the last quarter and Parks won by 27 points.

Parkside, riding high with the opening of the new social club rooms on Thursday night, started off with a win over West Footscray.

The new rooms are a credit to the initiative of many of the people of the club."

Parkside 14.16-100 d. West Footscray 10.13-73

Best for Parkside were: Munro, Barber, Stanley, Clark, Fraser, and O'Connor.

Goals: Stanley 5, Thompson 4, Crook 2, Rees 2, Knox.

Sunshine YC finished full of running to tip out Parkside in the main F.D.L. game, in round six.

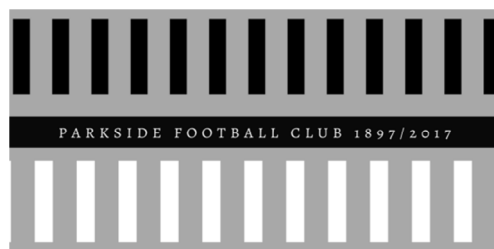
Parkside had led a low scoring encounter for most of the day in a strong, troublesome cross wind. During the last quarter it was the accuracy of Sunshine YC that enabled them to hit the front and hold on.

In round eight, Parkside with former coach Rod Crook firing took on Kingsville whose form over past weeks had indicated they would be hard to beat. And having trailed by four points at the half-time, Parkside wrapped up the game by adding 5.4 to 1.4 in the third term.

Both sides fought hard in a torrid final term but Parkside was good enough to hold on and win by two goals.

Nevertheless, after home and away season Parkside were sitting in eighth spot on the ladder.

A. Slattery won the Best and Fairest award for Under-15, collecting 37 votes.



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Parkside Football Club – Premiers Under 17 – 1979

Back Row: M. Pietrelli, S. Howells, I. James, N. Gregor, P. Cammerino, D. Browne-Kerr, L. Dalipis

2nd Row: C. Pietrelli (Runner), D. Lane, G. Brennan, N. Smith, J. Crouch (President), B. Rees, R. Peroomal, T. Lockwood (Trainer), R. Simpson (Manager)

Front: P. Millett, A. Slattery, S. Devlyn (Capt.) R. Punshon (Coach), D. Mills, T. Lockwood, N. Rycroft, A. Barber (Bound. Ump.)

Absent: A. Cantelmi, D. Considine, B. Du Bois, P. Nicholls, P. King, V. Mallia



Mad Max was born in 1979

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Parkside Football Club - Under 15 – Premiers 1979

Back Row (L-R): M. Rochford (Trainer), D. Devlyn, Z. Tzatzaris, A. Laffey, S. Ktenidis, L. Thompson, M. Considine, S. Astuti, P. Bishop

Middle: B. Rickards (Team Manager), G. Turner (Boundary Umpire), G. Tsiflisis, W. Rickards, C. Kouteris, J. Crouch (President), G. Mallia, D. Philistin, G. Christakis, G. Pearce (Runner)

Front: D. Hoy, A. Iudica, A. Slattery (Captain), K. Roadway (Coach), M. Dorgan, C. Bendelle, D. Peters

Mascot: M. Roadway



Hyperno on the outside of Salamader wins the 1979 Melbourne Cup

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Mick Barber – FDL Best & Fairest 1973 (U-15)



Gary Knox – FDL Best & Fairest 1974 (U-13)



D. Hoy - FDL Best & Fairest 1978 (U-11)



Parkside Football Club - Reserves Best & Fairest 1976 – 1979

(L-R) **J. Engwerda** 1979, **G. Summers** 1976, **D. Randall** 1977, **N. Grenfell** 1978

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The 1980 season marked a major milestone for FDFL as they celebrated the 50 years of football in the western suburbs. It was a good opportunity for FDL followers to briefly recapitulate on the FDL's achievements.

In the article that was published In August 1980, The Mail wrote, in a special supplement devoted to the FDL anniversary, their observations regarding the first 50 years of Footscray District Football League.



"It was perhaps fitting that Parkside, a club with a history nearly as long, and proud as their Collingwood counterparts, won the FDL's first premiership in 1931.

The club was formed back in 1897 and had many successes before disbanding in 1928. The club came to life again to take part in the newly-formed Footscray District Junior Football League.

The inaugural premiers team, pictured above."



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50 Years of Football in the Western Suburbs

Five shared start

"The Footscray District Football League began its first season full of good intention but precious little else.

Only five teams competed in the 1931 season – Parkside (inaugural premiers), Braybrook, West Footscray, Riverside and Scouts. The league's aims were to provide healthy recreation without travelling to other suburbs and to develop a recruiting ground for the senior Footscray side.

And while the number of clubs playing wasn't high, the local papers reported that the first season was an 'unqualified success'.

Times have changed since that first tentative year. Now the FDL is a thriving association with 18 clubs and a registration of nearly 4000 players, ranging in age from the under 9s to the three open-age age groups.

The league has had its share of ups and downs during its 50 years but it's fair to say that it is regarded as one of the strongest and best-administered football leagues in the metropolitan area.

Some of the highlights of the 50 years of FDL football are listed below:

1931: Parkside won the FDL's first premiership and A. G. Thompson from Scouts won the first best-player award.

1934: A second open grade was formed, with a total of 18 teams playing, including sides from the Newells Football Club, 6th Melbourne Scouts and the Baptist church of Christ. A parade of the clubs was held before the Essendon v. Footscray match on 28 July.

1937: More than 1000 players were registered. The A-grade final four was

Parkside, ICI (Deer Park), Spotswood Citizens and Newport United.

The World War II years, from 1939 to 1945, were difficult for the league but it continued to function even though the Victorian Football Association was cancelled.

1943: Inaugural president Henry Turner died while still in office. Kingsville, Newport CYMS and West Footscray were the premier teams of the respective grades.

1944: Bill Tillotson, of Seddon, a life member of the FDL, was voted on to the executive.

1945: The return of VFA football.

FDL secretary Ern Shepherd was elected as MLA and replaced by Burt Dunne.

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1947: Formation of the FDL's accident fund.

1954: An under-16 competition was formed

1962: The league had record 41 teams entered with a total of 1596 players in three grades.

1974: The league opened its headquarters at Western Oval."

The Mail, August 20, 1980

In round one of the 1980 season, Parkside played against Seddon at home. However, both clubs were desperate to start with a win following average seasons previous year.

Parkside, with new coach Brian Dalton at the helm opened the season with a convincing win over a disappointing Seddon. Relishing being a just player, Rod O'Connor produced a match-winning performance. Mick Clemmens showed a return to form for Seddon.

Parkside 20.9-129 d. Seddon 13.8-86

In second round, Parkside's John Crouch tried hard for Parkside, which could not find the form they showed against Seddon in the opening round. Albion 13.17-95 d. Parkside 9.16-70

Parkside and West Footscray played a thrilling draw in their match at West, in round four. Reports have it that West had the game on the toast and let it get away when they led by five goals at half time and appeared to be cruising. Much to Parkside's credit they fought back well during the second half and were able to get up to take two valuable premiership points. West Footscray 13.15-93 draw with Parkside 13.15-93.

In round eight, Parkside, with Mark Komp again giving his team a solid performance were able to outscore Braybrook in the final term by one goal – their winning margin.

Braybrook's ever reliable B. Priest was again in the thick of the action. Parkside were just a little too good and won by six points. Parkside 10.19-79 d. Braybrook 10.13-73.

North Footscray defeated Parkside by 28 points in round ten. Mark Komp again appeared to be almost best afield for Parkside.

After round 10

		A GRADE													
		W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts	%							
1	NORTH FOOTSCRAY	9	—	1	919	734	26	125.22							
2	KINGSVILLE	8	—	2	982	734	32	133.78							
3	SPOTSWOOD	8	—	2	1232	949	32	129.82							
4	ST. ALBANS	7	—	3	954	813	28	117.34							
5	SEDDON	6	—	4	917	949	24	95.62							
6	SUNSHINE Y.C.	6	—	4	891	925	24	95.34							
7	ALBION	4	—	6	763	1010	16	75.54							
8	PARKSIDE	3	1	6	805	929	14	84.78							
9	WEST FOOTSCRAY	3	1	6	780	920	14	84.78							
10	DEER PARK	3	—	7	851	975	12	87.28							
11	BRAYBROOK	2	—	8	710	969	8	73.49							

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Parkside provided the only mild surprise of the round eleven; they were just a little too strong for Sunshine YC at Sunshine. Parkside's Leo Daglish who was an FDFL identity for years gave the club one of his best performances. Parkside 5.14-76 d. Sunshine 6.9-45.

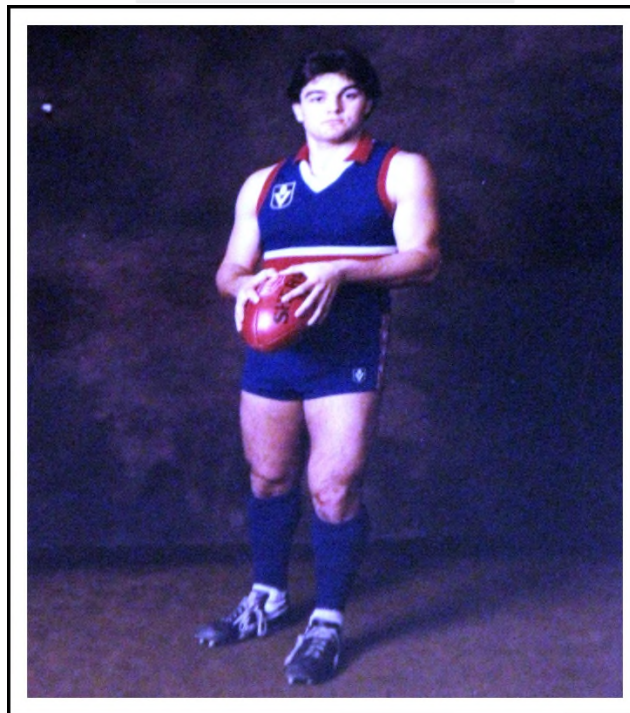
Spotswood for the second time in the 1980 season had great difficulty beating Parkside, and game was a thriller. The return of Rod O'Connor strengthened Parkside and he was greatly assisted by G. Rees. Spotswood 14.11-95 d. Parkside 12.8-80.

The next round had brought a thriller match between Parkside and West Footscray at Parkside with the home side holding on to win by 4 points.



Parkside's Mark Komp was voted best on the ground for the second week in succession and had gone to the lead in Bendigo Builder Award.

Parkside were also well served by Matthew Byrachevskii who was showing an obvious improvement, after his short stay with Footscray earlier in the season. Parkside 13.14-92 d. Kingsville 11.17-83.



Matt Byrachevski (3 games for Footscray in 1980)

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1980 Miss Footscray, Catherine Laurent 21, from Yarraville

Towards the end of season, the FDFL officials had their hands full trying to restore credibility of the league's "B" competition after a 'wild match' between Kensington and Albion.

"FDL B grade team Kensington was reported for misconduct and 14 of its players faced individual charges after a wild game against Albion on Saturday.

The misconduct charge was due to be heard by the FDL executive last night (after the Mail's deadline).

On Monday night the executive spent nine hours hearing some of the individual charges. Seven players were suspended for a total of 56 matches.

Charge's ranged from striking and kicking to one charge of biting an opponent's buttocks.

The remainder of the charges will be heard next, Monday.

The president and coach of Kensington, Mr Lloyd Bates, has written a letter of complaint about field umpire Robert Semmens to the FDL.

No Albion players were reported. Albion, second bottom on the ladder, beat Kensington, second top, by, eight goals."

The Mail, August 1980

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Parkside's win over Braybrook at Braybrook in round 18 was mainly attributable to their big men, Rod O'Connor and Mark Komp, who combined well with Matthew Byrachevski.

Parkside 12.10-82 d. Braybrook 10.14-74. Best for Parkside were: O'Connor, Clark, Byrachevski, Anagnostou, Kemp, Rees, Adams, Fox and Watson.

Goals: Rees 4, Byrachevski 3, Laffey 2, Fox, Wattson and Kemp.

			W	D	L	FOR	AG	ST	PTS	%
			A	GRADE						
1	SPOTSWOOD	..	16	—	3	2020	1641	94	123.48	
2	NTH. FOOTSCRAY	..	15	—	4	1632	1385	80	118.48	
3	KINGSVILLE	..	14	—	8	1835	1411	36	128.84	
4	ST ALBANS	..	13	—	6	1688	1514	32	128.84	
5	SEDDON	..	13	—	6	1800	1703	52	111.48	
6	PARKSIDE	..	9	7	9	1406	1040	32	105.42	
7	SUNSHINE Y.C.	..	8	—	11	1469	1057	38	91.28	
8	ALBION	..	8	—	11	1508	1616	32	92.56	
9	DEER PARK	..	7	—	12	1603	1787	28	84.56	
10	WEST FOOTSCRAY	..	5	1	13	1917	1775	22	93.56	
11	BRAYBROOK	..	4	—	18	1036	1501	16	82.46	

Parkside ended their the 1980 FDFL campaign in sixth place (9 wins, 9 losses and 1 draw) with Mark Komp winning the FDL 1980 Best and Fairest Medal.



Komp did not get a vote in the last game of the season for his part in Parkside's win over Deer Park but his progress tally kept him clear of other contenders.

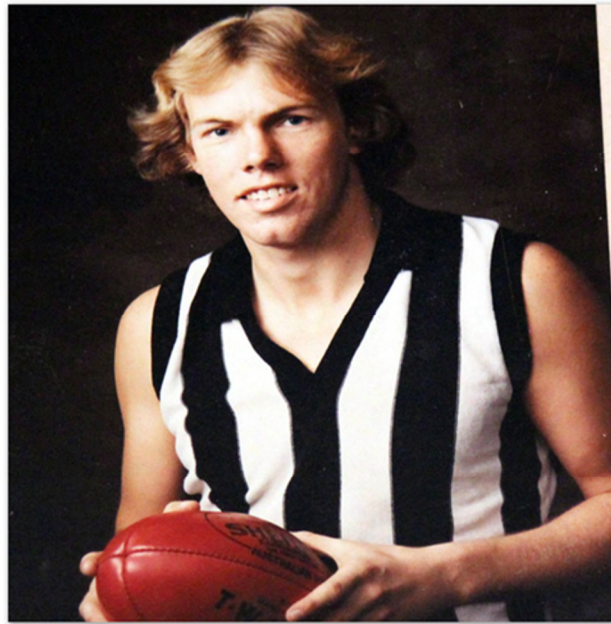
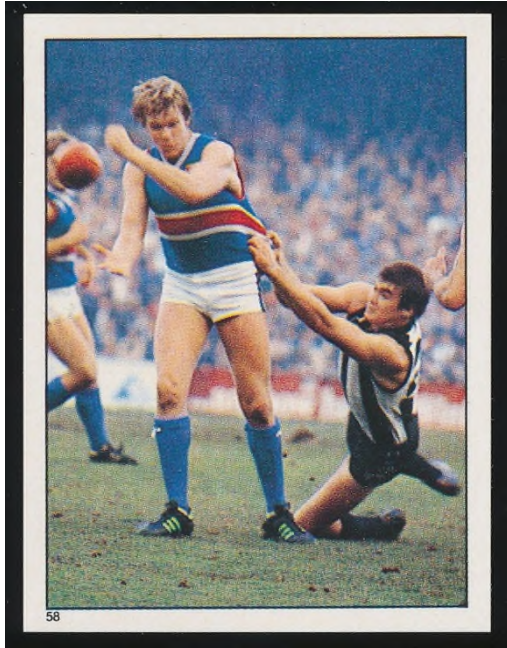
He received a Bendigo Building Society passbook with a savings account of \$300.

Leading vote-getters for the season were:

35 Mark Komp (Parkside), 32 Barry Priest (Braybrook), 29 Glen Gingell (Kingsville), 25 Brad Wharton, (Deer Park)

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Mark Komp played for Footscray 23 games and scored 9 goals - FDFL Best & Fairest 1980



"Parkside Football Club's star centre half-forward Mark Komp, topped off a fine season by winning his club's best and fairest award.

Komp picked up a weekend trip to Wrest Point Casino and \$100 from the Powell Hotel for winning award. Ruckman Rod O'Connor finished nine votes away in second place.

Komp has proved the outstanding footballer in the FDL this season, also winning the Bendigo Building Society best-and-fairest award.

He polled 24 votes to win by three votes from Kingsville's Glen Wingell.

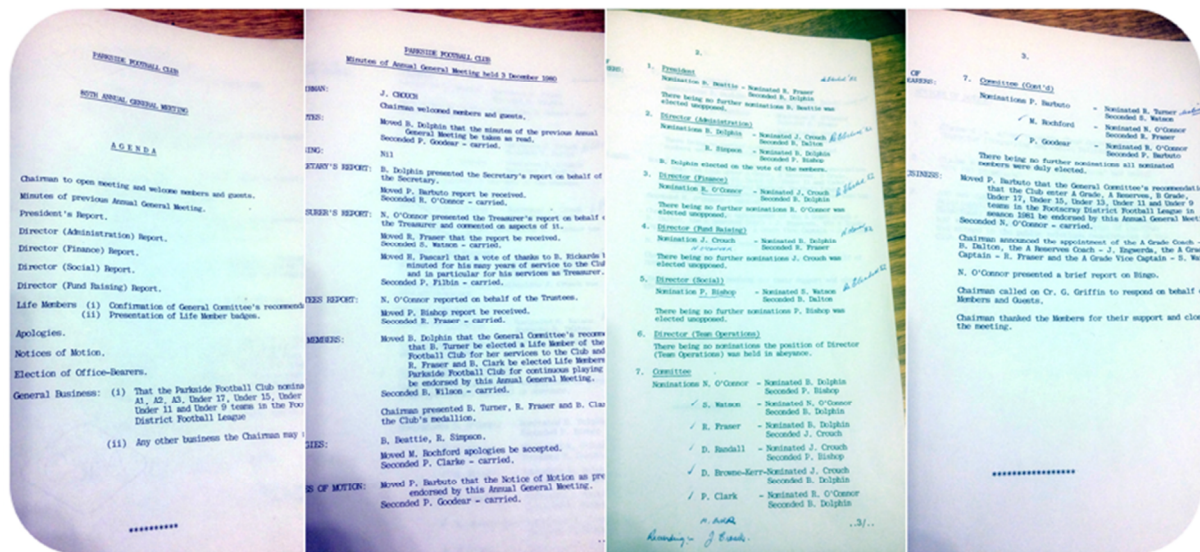
Parkside players also performed well in other grades of FDFL.

Parkside' best and fairest reserves player, Bob Rice, was beaten by two votes in the FDL award while brilliant ruck-rover Trevor Lockwood won both the club and FDL best and fairest awards in the under 17's."

The Mail, 24 September 1980

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PARKSIDE FOOTBALL CLUB

85th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

1. Chairman to open meeting and welcome members and guests.
2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
3. President's Report.
4. Director (Administration) Report.
5. Director (Finance) Report.
6. Director (Social) Report.
7. Director (Fund Raising) Report.
8. Life Members (i) Confirmation of General Committee's recommendations.
(ii) Presentation of Life Member badges.
9. Apologies.
10. Notices of Motion.
11. Election of Office-Bearers.

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12. General Business: (i) That the Parkside Football Club nominate A1, A2, A3, Under 17, Under 15, Under 13, Under 11 and Under 9 teams in the Footscray District Football League

(ii) Any other business the Chairman may allow.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

December 3rd 1980

CHAIRMAN: J. CROUCH

Chairman welcomed members and guests,

MINUTES: Moved B. Dolphin that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting be taken as read. Seconded P. Goodear - carried.

ARISING: Nil

SECRETARY'S REPORT: B. Dolphin presented the Secretary's report on behalf of the Secretary.

Moved P. Barbuto, report be received. Seconded R. O'Connor - carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: N. O'Connor presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of the Treasurer and commented on aspects of it.

Moved R. Fraser, the report be received. Seconded S. Watson - carried.

Moved H. Pascarl that a vote of thanks to B. Rickards be minuted for his many years of service to the Club and in particular for his services as Treasurer. Seconded P. Filbin - carried.

TRUSTEES REPORT: N. O'Connor reported on behalf of the Trustees.

Moved P. Bishop, the report be received.

Seconded R. Fraser - carried.

LIFE MEMBERS: Moved B. Dolphin that the General Committee's recommendations that B. Turner be elected a Life Member of the Parkside Football Club for her services to the Club and that R. Fraser and B. Clark be elected Life Members of the Parkside Football Club for continuous playing services be endorsed by this Annual General Meeting.

Seconded B. Wilson - carried.

Chairman presented B. Turner, R. Fraser and B. Clark with the Club's medallion.

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APOLOGIES: B. Beattie, R. Simpson,

Moved M. Rochford, apologies be accepted.

Seconded P. Clarke - carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION: Moved P. Barbuto that the Notice of Motion as presented be endorsed by this Annual General Meeting.

Seconded P. Goodear - carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

1. President

Nomination: **B. Beattie** - Nominated R. Fraser

Seconded B. Dolphin

There being no further nominations B. Beattie was elected unopposed.

2. Director (Administration)

Nominations:

B. Dolphin – Nominated: J. Crouch, seconded B. Dalton

R. Simpson – Nominated: B. Dolphin, seconded B. Bishop

B. Dolphin elected on the vote of the members

3. Director (Finance)

Nomination: **R. O'Connor** – Nominated: J. Crouch, seconded B. Dolphin

There being no further nominations and R. O'Connor was elected unopposed.

4. Director (Fund Raising)

Nomination: **J. Crouch** – Nominated: B. Dolphin, seconded R. Fraser

There being no further nominations and **J. Crouch** was elected unopposed.

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5. Director (Social)

Nomination: **P. Bishop** – Nominated: S. Watson, seconded B. Dalton

There being no further nominations **P. Bishop** was elected unopposed.

6. Director (Team Operations)

There being no nominations. The position of Director (Team Operations) was held in abeyance.

7. Committee

Nominations:

N. O'Connor – Nominated: B. Dolphin, seconded P. Bishop

S. Watson – Nominated: N. O'Connor, seconded B. Dolphin

R. Fraser – Nominated: B. Dolphin, seconded J. Crouch

D. Randall – Nominated: J. Crouch, seconded P. Bishop

D. Browne-Kerr – Nominated: J. Crouch, seconded B. Dolphin

P. Clark - Nominated: R. O'Connor, seconded B. Dolphin

P. Barbuto – Nominated: R. Turner, seconded S. Watson

M. Rochford – Nominated: N. O'Connor, seconded R. Fraser

P. Goodear – Nominated: R. O'Connor, seconded P. Barbuto

There being no further nominations all nominated members were duly elected.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Moved P. Barbuto that the General Committee's recommendation that the club enter A Grade, A Reserves, B Grade, Under 17, Under 15, Under 13, Under 11 and Under 9 teams in the Footscray District Football League in season 1981 be endorsed by this Annual General Meeting.

Seconded N. O'Connor - carried.

Chairman announced the appointment of the A Grade Coach **B. Dalton**, the A Reserves Coach - **J. Engwerda**, the A Grade Captain - **R. Fraser** and the A Grade Vice-Captain - **S. Watson**

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N. O'Connor presented a brief report on Bingo.

Chairman called on Cr. G. Griffin to respond on behalf of Members and Guests.

Chairman thanked the Members for their support and closed the meeting.



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The three weeks after Footscray Market opened its doors for the first time, the FDFL 1981 season commenced for the 51st time.



The Mail shared Parkside's anticipations for an exciting season ahead.

"With the Footscray District Football League season due to start on Saturday, Parkside – who have improved greatly since last year – is a team to watch.

With the addition of several new players including former Footscray Star Gordon Casey, Parkside have been most impressive in practice matches beating last year's premiers North Footscray and third place Kingsville.

On Saturday Parkside will meet last year's fourth placegetters St. Albans at Henry Turner Reserve."

The Mail, 1 April 1981

ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES

Gordon Casey's survival story

By Kirstie Fitzgerald

"Three-thousand three hundred of our dads, brothers, sons and friends will die from prostate cancer in Australia this year. Alarming, this averages out to almost nine men each day and while survival rates have increased in recent times, prostate cancer continues to be one of the most common cancers in men, with more than 20,000 new cases diagnosed this year.

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Yet one man who ensured he was not among these statistics is former Carlton and Footscray champion Gordon Casey.

Originally recruited from the Gorya Football Club, Casey got his first taste of elite level football playing with the Carlton reserves as a forward, winning the leading goal-kicking award in 1967 and 1968.

Playing just one match in the seniors, Casey was picked up by the Footscray Football Club as a back pocket player, where he played 125 matches in the red, white and blue.

"EJ was captain-coach at the time I moved to Footscray and it was he who gave me a second chance at my football career, something that I will never forget," Casey said.

After finishing up with the Dogs at the end of the 1975 season, Casey spent time in the WAFL for the Swan Districts Football Club, before returning to Melbourne's western suburbs to play for Parkside in the then Footscray District Football League.



"I knew a few guys from Footscray who had links down at Parkside so I headed down there to have a run."

Playing on the ball for the Magpies for the next five years, Casey was part of the 1981 grand final victory, before moving on to try his hand at coaching at Hoppers Crossing.

"I was approached by Hoppers Crossing to coach and was there for four years, assisting them to their first flag in 1992."

While returning to the Western Bulldogs in a coaching capacity after his time at Hoppers Crossing, Casey was rocked by the news that his former coach and great friend Ted Whitten had passed away from prostate cancer.

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"I couldn't believe the great man would no longer be with us," he said.

"EJ had been such a big part of my career, as well as his son Ted Whitten Jnr who I played a few games with and to see him pass away was devastating for many who knew him."

Since EJ's passing, Casey made a promise to himself that he would get checked for prostate cancer regularly, in honour of his friend.

"After seeing EJ fade away with the disease, I made a pact with the Bulldogs' club doctor to make sure I was tested regularly for prostate cancer."

Staying true to his word, Casey ensured he was vigilant with his health and it was just as well he did, having been diagnosed with the disease at the age of 45.

"I was getting checked on a quarterly basis, when the doctors found out that I had prostate cancer," he said.

After initial tests and screens doctors conducted on Casey, they also discovered that the football legend had also had Lymphoma cancer.

"Because of my regular screenings, they were able to find the prostate cancer in its early stages and treat me for it.

"While there is no cure yet for lymphoma cancer, I am still currently being treated for it every two months and they say that if I wasn't diligent with my health, I may not have survived."

With men aged over 50 more likely to develop prostate cancer, Casey urges all men to be active about their health and get checked.

"When you're young, you think you are bullet proof and that stories such as mine won't happen to you, well let me tell you, it does and can happen to anyone of any age.

"I know many men are a little shy when it comes to going to the doctors, but at the end of the day you just have to make a promise to not only yourself, but to your family as well to go get checked up regularly for all health issues, not just cancer because you will be letting them down if anything were to happen to you which you could have prevented by being more diligent with your health in the first place."

With the dedicated E.J Whitten Round played this weekend, there is no better time to take on Casey's advice and make a pact to get tested.

"There's nothing better than leaving the doctors with a clean bill of health, so do yourself a favour and book a health test today...and you never know, it could just save your life."

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In April 1981, Ron Scott reported for The Mail,

"A new look Parkside opened its FDL season with a thrilling two-point win over an equally enthusiastic St. Albans.

Led by experienced campaigner, Gordon Casey, Parkside were able to come from behind at last change to snatch a win in the last minutes of the match.

Gary Considine was another player to worry St. Albans, who were well served by old reliable, Geoff Cooper and Jim Blythe.

The most outstanding feature of the match was the influence of Casey and his directions to teammates to accept penalties handed out by the umpire. Judging on the standard of the match, both teams should have good seasons."

The Mail, 8 April 1981

Parkside 16.8 (104) d. St. Albans 15.12 (102)

Parkside best were: Punchon, Casey, G. Considine, Byrachevski, O'Connor, Caminiti, Goodear.

Goals: G. Considine 7, Goad 4, Casey and Punshon 3...



In April 1981, a 23 year old truck driver from Nowa Nowa had become the "20 millionth" customer to cross the West Gate Bridge. David Jell (pictured) picked up a bottle of champers and a commemorative sash at the toll gate to mark the occasion.

Round two had brought a comprehensive win over Albion.

"Parkside handed out a 75 point defeat to tumble Albion to the bottom of the ladder after two rounds. Parkside were blessed with many good players throughout the day the best of whom included Madden, Considine, O'Connor and Casey Gordon."

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"Parkside just "fell in" against an inaccurate West Footscray at West. Level at three quarter time West added 2.7 in the last term while Parkside shot straighter for 3.3 to win by two points.

Gary Considine, Parkside's centre half-forward controlled the game and when he left the field during the third term West got back on top. Considine returned to the field in the last term to score two goals and assure his club remained undefeated. Leo Daglish assisted Considine."

Parkside 13.14 (92) d. West Footscray 12.18 (90) Goals: Goad 6, G. Considine 3, D. Considine, Byrachevski, O'Connor and Casey.

"North Footscray defeated Parkside in round four by 26 points. Opening with the wind Parks rammed on five goals and it looke like another bleak day for North as during the second term they only just managed to catch Parkside by half time.

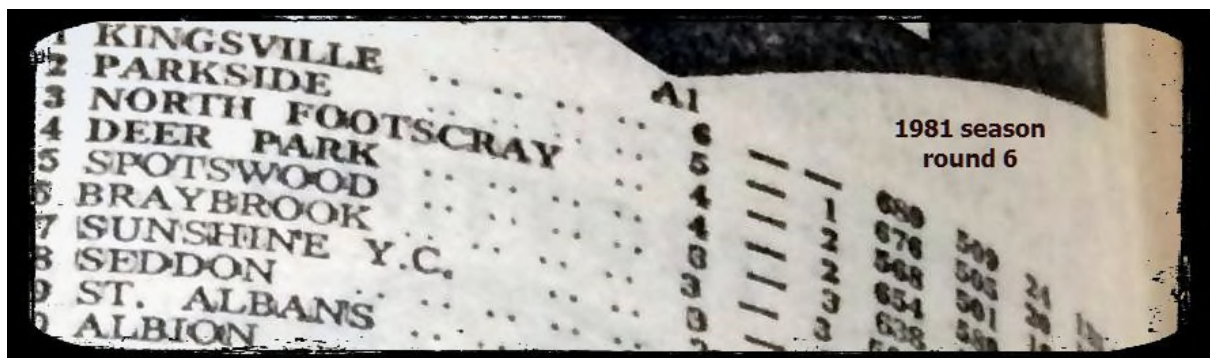
The third term, when many games are won and lost, proved to be all North Footscray when they added two goals against the wind while Parks could only manage one with it.

Best for Parkside included Rod O'Connor and Robert Goad."

"Parkside bounced back to the winning list with a 59 point victory over Seddon with one of the main highlights being Parkside's onslaught of goals during the third term in which they kicked 11 goals.

For Parkside, their best players were Gordon Casey, Robert Camminiti and Gary Considine."

Parkside 27.25 (187) d. Seddon 17.16 (118)



	AI				
1 KINGSVILLE	6	1	650		
2 PARKSIDE	5	1	678	509	
3 NORTH FOOTSCRAY	4	1	568	505	24
4 DEER PARK	4	1	654	501	20
5 SPOTSWOOD	3	1	638	500	18
6 BRAYBROOK	3	1			
7 SUNSHINE Y.C.	3	1			
8 SEDDON	3	1			
9 ST. ALBANS	3	1			
10 ALBION	3	1			

"Parkside, playing powerhouse football, completely outclassed Spotswood in the main Footscray District League game last Saturday at the Spotswood Oval. Parkside took control from the first

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bounce and it was only due to an inaccurate forward line that Parkside only led by 13 points at quarter time.

During both the, second and third quarters Parkside rammed on 16 goals to Parkside's five to put the issue well beyond doubt.

Gordon Casey had approximately 30 kicks during the first half alone and his domination of the game gave Spotswood little chance. Casey was well supported by Matthew Byrachevski and Gary Considine and these three appear to be the stumbling block each week 'for their opponents.'



CAPTURING MEMORIES

SINCE 1897

ROUND 8		PARKSIDE Vs WEMBLEY PARK	
Coach: Bryan Dalton			
'A' GRADE		'A' RESERVES	
Name	No.	Name	
RON FRASER (CAPT)	1	JACK ENGWERDA (CAPT/COACH)	
TONY FOX	2	JOHN BARBUTO	
RON PUNSHON	3	RON SALMON	
GEOFF REES	4	WAYNE GOODEAR	
TREVOR LOCKWOOD	5	GREG KNOX	
GORDON CASEY	6	KEVIN CLARK	
BRIAN CLARK	11	GREG MILLOT	
ROBERT CAMMINITTI	12	GARY KENNEDY	
GARY CONSIDINE	14	SHANE ALLEN	
PAUL MADDEN	15	LEE DONALDSON	
JOHN ANAGNOSTOU	16	BARRY REES	
MATT BYRACHEVSKI	17	DARREN LANE	
STEPHEN WATSON (VICE CAPT)	18	WAYNE TYRELL	
LEO DAGLISH	20	JOHN CROUCH	
NEVILLE SMITH	21	ROBERT RICE	
DAVID CONSIDINE	22	KEN BARR	
ROBERT GOAD	24	RAY BARBER	
PAUL BARBUTO (DEP V'CAPT)	27	DES RANDALL (VICE CAPT)	

Parkside's Rod O'Connor had returned to some of his old form as did Matthew Byracheski. They were prominent in Parkside's win of 34 points against Wembley Park in round eight.

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"Parkside did their level best to keep Sunshine YC in the game for as long as they could when at one stage during the second quarter the score read Parkside 1.16 to YC's 1.3. However, from that point Parkside managed to kick 13.4.

Parkside received a lot of their drive from Gordon Casey who seems to be the major key in a very talented team.

Once again Gary Considine was among the best players and his strong marking gives players down field a focal point in attack to aim at."



Parkside continued on their winning way at the hands of Deer Park and put that club's finals chances in big doubt, winning by 63 points. Rod O'Connor, Matthew Byrachevski and Gordon Casey all starred for Parkside with centre half-forward Gary Considine being a dominant factor in attack. Deer Park's Steve McDonald tried hard for the losers.

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"St Albans with a strong last-term effort got up to snatch victory from Parkside by just two points at King's Park. It was justice for Set Albans as they had gone under by two points in the opening round of the season and there appears to be little between the clubs.

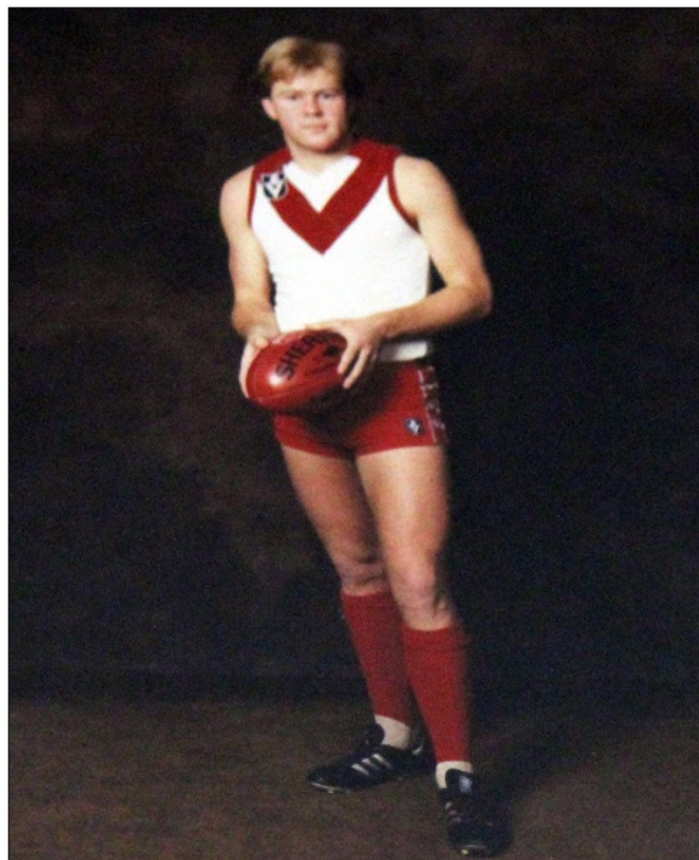
Parkside's defeat has cost it top position and it is now only one game clear of North Footscray for the double chance, with those two clubs still to meet again in Round 16.

Star of the St Albans victory was their champion, Jim Blyth who seems to be getting better each week and at this stage of the season appears to have a strangle hold in the Bendigo Building Society Award.

Blyth was well supported by the also consistent Geoff Cooper while for Parkside their best player was Ron Punshon."

St.Albans 9.12 (66) d. Parkside 9.10 (64)

CAPTURING MEMORIES
SINCE 1897



Dale Murphy

(12 games for South Melbourne)

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"Parkside considerably improved their position when they completely trashed Albion in appalling conditions at Parkside. Showing amazing accuracy with a muddy ball, Parkside managed to kick 21 goals and only eight points while Albion could only manage 11 straight points, thus making their performance look worse than it actually was.

A couple of weeks ago I made a remark about "ex-champion Rod O'Connor." Rod is desperately trying to shove that comment down my throat. After his recent performances I must relent and say that Parkside were well served by Gordon Casey and their champion ruckman Rod O'Connor."

"Parkside continued their demoralizing wins over lower teams and on this occasion it was West Footscray's turn as they were soundly defeated by 89 points. Centre half-forward Considine together with players Lockwood and Watson and a number of other Parkside players completely outclassed their opponents. Parkside's form over previous weeks has been excellent and they must face this weekend's game against North Footscray with a great deal of confidence."

Parkside 18.16 (124) d. West Footscray 4.11 (35)

"Parkside, for the second week in a row, converted more than 66 per cent of their scoring shots to record a 49-point win over Braybrook. With this type of accuracy, games become much easier to win and it shows that the club's forward line is functioning correctly enough so that they can relieve pressure-when shooting for goal. Former under 17 champion, Tony Fox, showed some of his early potential with a best afield performance while Dennis Fox was best afield for Braybrook."

Parkside 19.9 (123) d. Braybrook 10.14 (74)

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Trevor Lockwood (FDFL Best & Fairest – Under 17, 1980)

“Parkside went to the top of the ladder with an easy victory over Seddon. Gordon Casey and Dale Murphy showed the value of senior football experience when they outclassed their younger, less experienced opponents. Parkside meets Spotswood next week and this will have a very big say in who makes the four.”

	A ¹	W	D	L	For	Ag't	Pts.	%
1 PARKSIDE	15	—	2	1856	1048	60	177.8	
2 KINGSVILLE	15	—	2	1638	1237	60	136.4	
3 NORTH FOOTSCRAY	12	—	5	1444	1194	48	120.8	
4 ST ALBANS	11	—	6	1465	1300	44	112.8	
5 SPOTSWOOD	10	1	6	1666	1243	42	134.0	
6 ALBION	8	—	9	1317	1617	32	81.4	
7 BRAYBROOK	6	—	11	1277	1313	24	97.2	
8 DEER PARK	6	—	11	1434	1517	24	94.3	
9 SEDDON	5	—	12	1436	1786	20	80.4	
10 WEMBLEY PARK	5	—	12	1175	1539	20	74.8	
11 SUNSHINE YC	5	—	12	1270	1734	20	72.8	
12 WEST FOOTSCRAY	3	1	13	1264	1710	14	78.0	

Ladder after round 17, season 1981

“In what should have been the A Grade game of the day Parkside proved far too strong for home team North Footscray.

Kicking with the aid of a strong wind, Parkside opened up 47-lead by quarter time in an impressive start. However, it was their second quarter brilliance that won Parkside the match.

Having third use of the wind they drew even further away and went on to record a 51 point win. For Parkside, Gordon Casey was best, and rover Mathey Byrachevski and centre half forward Gary Considine both gave Parks plenty of drive.”

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"Spotswood, who are desperate to keep in the wining for a place in the four, led Parkside by one point. at three-quarter time and they were quite convincing to get up and win. The loss to Parkside has cost them the top position and the win next Saturday against Wembley Park is vital to bolster their confidence before the finals begin."

Spotswood 12.11 (83) d. Parkside 10.9 (69)

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LAST ROUND TO DECIDE THE FOUR			
By RON SCOTT			
		W	D L For Ag'st Pts. %
1	KINGSVILLE	16	— 2 1835 1323 64 138.69
2	PARKSIDE	15	— 3 1925 1131 60 170.20
3	NORTH FOOTSCRAY	13	— 5 1580 1257 52 125.69
4	ST. ALBANS	12	— 6 1693 1411 48 112.89
5	SPOTSWOOD	11	1 6 1749 1612 46 133.30
6	ALBION	8	— 10 1403 1764 32 79.53
7	BRAYBROOK	7	— 11 1355 1383 28 97.97
8	DEER PARK	6	— 12 1504 1595 24 94.29
9	SUNSHINE Y.C.	6	— 12 1363 1846 24 73.83
10	SEDDON	5	— 13 1547 1914 20 80.82
11	WEMBLEY PARK	5	— 13 1238 1705 20 72.60
12	WEST FOOTSCRAY	3	1 14 1356 1803 14 75.20

PARKSIDE FOOTBALL CLUB		ROUND 18	
PARKSIDE		VS	SPOTSWOOD
<u>A GRADE</u>		<u>A RESERVES</u>	
1.	Ron FRASER (CAPT)	1.	Jack ENGWERDA (CAPT/COACH)
2.	Tony FOX	2.	John BARBUTO
4.	Ron PUNSHON	4.	Wayne GOODEAR
5.	Greg KNOX	6.	Kevin CLARK
7.	Mick BARBER	9.	Geoff REES
8.	Trevor LOCKWOOD	10.	Shaun McLEAN
10.	Gordon CASEY	12.	Gary KENNEDY
11.	Brian CLARK	13.	Wayne COLE
12.	Robert CAMINITI	14.	Wayne TYRELL
15.	Gary CONSIDINE	15.	Leigh DONALDSON
16.	Paul MADDEN	16.	Barry REES
17.	Dale MURPHY	17.	John ANAGNOSTOU
18.	Stephen POWER	20.	John CROUCH
19.	Matt BYRACHEVSKI	21.	Bob RICE
20.	Steve WATSON (VICE CAPT)	22.	Paul DORGAN (VICE CAPT)
23.	Leo DAGLISH	24.	Ray BARBER
28.	Robert GOAD	26.	David CONSIDINE
30.	Paul BARBUTO (DEPUTY V.C.)	28.	Stephen DOBBS
31.	Phil GOODEAR	31.	Greg MILLITT
42.	Rod O'CONNOR	44.	Gary ADAMS
RUNNERS - Lou DOWLING		RUNNER - Peter PAVARO	
Bob TURNER			
<u>TRAINERS</u>			
Det. DOLEY Deton CLARKE Brian WILSON Terry GOODEAR			

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The last round of the FDFL home and away season saw Parkside defeating Wembley Park by 37 points.

Parkside 11.11 (77) d. Wembley Park 5.10 (40)



	W	D	L	FOR	AG	PTS	%
1 KINGSVILLE	17	—	2	1864	1374	86	161.35
2 PARKSIDE	16	—	3	2085	1375	64	179.96
3 NORTH FOOTSCRAY	14	—	5	1651	1334	54	124.68
4 ST ALBANS	13	—	6	1728	1560	52	115.24
5 SPITSWOOD	12	1	6	1900	1350	49	140.74
6 ALBION	8	—	11	1492	1899	32	78.56
7 SUNSHINE YC	7	—	12	1400	1485	28	93.58
8 BRAYBROOK	6	—	13	1410	1917	24	74.53
9 DEER PARK	6	—	13	1587	1650	24	94.43
10 SEDDON	5	—	14	1055	2065	20	75.79
11 WEMBLEY PARK	5	—	14	1278	1762	20	71.71
12 WEST FOOTSCRAY	4	1	14	1420	1866	18	76.09



"Parkside has the opportunity to enter its first FDL grand final for many years when they meet Kingsville in the A grade second semi-final at Yarraville Oval next Saturday afternoon, at 2 pm.

The game should be close as there appears to be little between either side on paper and in their only meeting this year. Parkside were victorious by three points.

However, Kingsville were beaten by their own poor kicking. Kingsville finished the season having lost only to Parkside (by three points) and St Albans (by 30 points) and recorded 17 wins around those two defeats.

Parkside lowered their colors to three sides — North Footscray, St Albans and Spitswood — and on four occasions throughout the season actually led the ladder.

Parkside's game seems to be centred around the great drive received from

Gordon Casey and centre half-forward Gary Considine while Kingsville appear to be more even all over the field.

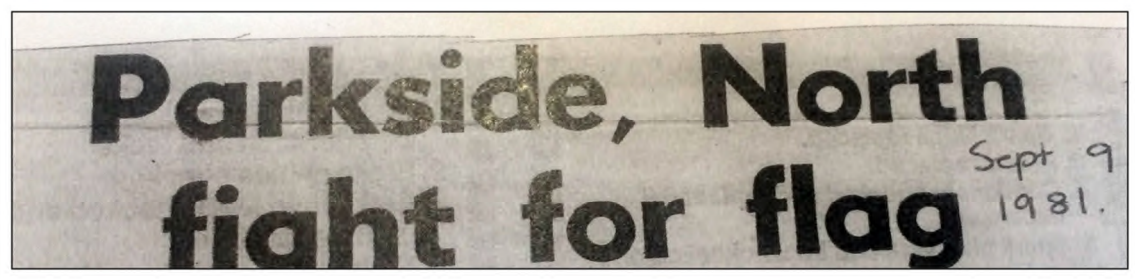
Trying to predict the winner is an extremely difficult task however, I believe the only sure prediction is that a winner will not be known until near the finish."

The Mail, Wed. 26 August 1981

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Parkside defeated Kingsville by 28 points in the second semi-final.



The 1981 Footscray District League A grade grand final will be contested at 2 pm next Saturday, at the Sunshine Football Ground between Parkside and North Footscray.

Given good weather conditions the game promises to be a top standard match with both sides having many young players prepared to run all day, an essential ingredient at the Skinner Reserve.

Parkside will start a warm favorite on the form shown throughout the season. They have power in the ruck, good rovers and a strong centre half-forward which are essential to a successful club.

North Footscray on the other hand is also blessed with a tall ruck-man and has power on both its wings.

Parkside will be attempting to win their first flag since 1967 while North Footscray will be trying to win their second in a row and three out of the last four.



Again, this team proved that they were a finest generation of players that played for Parkside Football Club. An amalgam of experience, talent, determination and mateship was awarded with the premiership in the 1981 season, 14 years since its last.

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FOOTSCRAY DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

A1 AND A2 GRAND FINALS

SATURDAY 12th Sept. 1981.

TODAY'S A1 TEAMS

PARKSIDE

(Black and white vertical stripes)
(Black shorts)

Coach Mr. Brian Dalton

1. R. Fraser (Captain)
2. A. Fox
3. L. Brett
4. R. Panshon
5. G. Knox
6. G. Rees
7. M. Barber
8. T. Lockwood
10. G. Casey
11. B. Clark
12. R. Caminiti
15. G. Considine
16. P. Madden
17. D. Murphy
18. S. Power
19. M. Byrachevski
26. D. Considine
27. S. Dodds
28. R. Goad
30. P. Barbuto (V. Capt.)
31. P. Goodear
42. R. O'Connor

NORTH FOOTSCRAY

(red and white vertical stripes)
(red shorts)

Coach Mr. Ron Brown

1. J. Scarffe
5. I. Travers
6. P. Brown (Captain)
7. P. Jukes
8. P. Moody
12. G. Edwards
14. D. Johnsey
16. D. Brown
18. C. Rawler
19. R. Brown (senior coach)
20. J. Mutton
21. Leigh Wright
22. P. Ebeyer
27. E. Sorrell
28. S. Walsh
31. A. Walgers
32. M. O'Connor
33. I. Pannell
39. T. Forbes
44. E. Horomides
45. M. Harvey
46. P. Protetto
48. G. Sorrell
50. Les Wright (Vice Captain)
53. R. Gottinger

QUARTER BY QUARTER SCORES

1st.
2nd.
3rd.
Final

GRAND FINAL MILE

During the Half time interval of todays big game a Grand Final will be conducted and each of the Open Age Clubs and the Umpire Association have been invited to enter two runners. The field today's event is on page 2.

ENTERTAINMENT

Prior to todays playing of the A1 Grand Final you will be entertained by the players of the Sunshine City Band who will provide the music for the marching of the clubs.

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Ron "Beast" Fraser



By Ron Scott

"Parkside, with a brilliant last quarter, completely outclassed North Footscray on Saturday to record their first FDFL A1 Grand Final in years

After trailing by 14 points at half-time Parkside set up their win when they outscored North in third quarter despite kicking against the wind. In fact, by third quarter time they had changed their fourteen point deficit to a three point lead.

It was left to Parkside to make sure they didn't relax and they kicked 7.8 to North's two points to record an easy 51 point victory.

The architect of the Parkside win was obviously champion centre-half-forward Gary Considine who, despite receiving close attention, was a match winner for the premiers.

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Gary's high marking and long kicking gave his team-mates a focal point in attack which is so important if a grand final is to be won.

Gary topped a fine year having been runner up in the best and fairest, after coming up through the Parkside junior ranks.

Parkside team consisted of other FDF junior best and fairest winners in Mick Barber, Tony Fox and Trevor Lockwood.

The Parkside premiership was a combination of several years' work by many people – too many to mention – however, one that I would like to name was Leo Daglish.

Leo has played for 15 years for Parkside and without a doubt is one of the League's most likable characters. A drop in form though over the past couple of games saw Leo miss a place in the side. This was obviously a situation that sour many a footballer, but not Leo whose spirit and desire for success for his club seemed to run right through the club last Saturday and of course Leo and boys were all rewarded with a flag.

Parkside were also well served by Rod O'Connor and Gordon Casey who both gave their club serviceable games resulting from their wide experience in football.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the great job that coach Brian Dalton has performed with his team.

When Brian was appointed coach many people were asking "Brian who"? But now Dalton will be a respected name among FDL circles for a long time."

The Mail, 16 bSeptember 1981

Parkside 15.15.105 d North Footscray 7.12.54



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Parkside Football Club – Premiers 1981

Back Row (L to R): P. Bishop (Director), S. McLean, G. Adams, S. Power, G. Knox, R. Goad, P. Madden, R. O'Connor, A. Fox, M. Barber, B. Clark, L. Daglish, B. Wilson (Trainer)

Middle Row: P. Clark (Comm.), P. Foley (Trainer), M. Rochford (Comm.), R. Turner (Runner), S. Dodds, G. Casey, B. Beattie (President), D. Murphy, T. Lockwood, L. Brett, L. Dowling (Runner), P. Filbin (Manager), D. Randall (Comm.)

Seated: N. O'Connor (Comm.), R. Caminiti, M. Byrachevski, J. Anagnostou, B. Dolphin (Director), S. Watson (Vice Capt.), R. Fraser (Captain), B. Dalton (Coach), P. Barbuto (Dep. Vice Capt.), G. Rees, R. Punshon, J. Crouch (Director)

Front: P. Dalton, R. Carlisle (Mascots)

Absent: G. Considine, D. Considine, P. Goodear



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A GRADE GAMES PLAYED SEASON 1981		
		POSSIBLE = 21
BRIAN CLARK	21	
PAUL BARBUTO	21	
PHIL. GOODEAR.	21	
GORDON CASEY	21	
ROD O'CONNOR	21	
GARY. CONSIDINE.	21	NEVILLE SMITH. 6
RON PUNSHON	20	SEAN McLEAN. 3
STEVE WATSON	20	GARY. ADAMS. 3
RON FRASER	20	PAUL. GOSS. 2
ROBERT GOAD	20	PETER. HICKEY. 1
TREVOR. LOCKWOOD.	19	RICK. BEAN. 1
LEO. DAGLISH.	19	MARK. KOMP. 1
ROBERT. CAMINITI.	19	STEPHEN. DODDS. 1
MATT. BYRACHEVSKI.	18	
PAUL. MADDEN.	17	
MICK. BARBER.	17	
DAVID. CONSIDINE.	14	
TONY. FOX.	14	
GREG. KNOX.	12	
STEVE. POWER.	11	
GEOFF. REES.	10	
JOHN. ANAGNOSTOU.	10	
LEIGH. BRETT.	8	
DALE. MURPHY.	8	

PARKSIDE A1 BEST & FAIREST - FORM GUIDE 18-9-81		
ADAMS (RAGS)	-	NO
AGNOSTOU	-	PREFER IN WPT. HARD TO RECOMMEND
BARBER	-	(C.U.B - POWELL) PROVEN WINNER
BARBUTO	-	IMPORTED SIRE - GOOD CHANCE
BEAN	-	PREFER OWN COUNTRY TRACKS - NO
BRETT	-	PREPARATION HAMPERED BY INJURY
BYRACHEVSKI (MATT)	-	RUGGERY TYPE. SURE TO BE THEREABOUTS
CAMMANETTI (CAMMA)	-	DON'T UNDERATE - WATCH BETTING
CASEY	-	WINNER IN 2 STATES - BIG SHOW
CLARK (DARKIE)	-	DARK HORSE OF FIELD
CONSIDINE. D.	-	PREFER STABLE MATE
CONSIDING. G.	-	VERY SMART - LIKELY FAVOURITE
DAGLISH (FATHER TIME)	-	OLD GREY AIN'T WHAT HE USED TO BE
DODDS	-	HASN'T COME UP THIS TIME
FOX	-	BACK FROM RETIREMENT FOR THIS
FRASER (BEAST)	-	SOLID PERFORMER - HARSHLY TREATED BY HANDICAPPER
GOAD	-	FIRST RUN THIS TRACK. HAS THE JOB AHEAD
GOOD YEAR	-	LOOK FOR FORWARD SHOWING. BIG IMPROVER
KNOX	-	PLACE CLAIMS
GOSS	-	NO
HICKEY	-	NOT IN THIS COMPANY
KOMP	-	UNSETTLED WITH CHANGE OF STABLE
LOCKWOOD	-	LIGHTWEIGHT WITH CHANCE
MADDEN	-	LONG STRIDER - COULD BE IN FINISH
MURPHY	-	IN GOOD STABLE - BUT THIS IS TOUGHER
McLEAN	-	NOT IN THIS
O'CONNOR (MOOSE)	-	WILL BE BOXING ON. TOP CHANCE
POWER	-	SLOW STARTER WITH POWER - FULL SPRINT
PUNCH (OWL)	-	CANNOT BE LEFT OUT OF CHANCES
REES	-	FACES TASK HERE
SMITH	-	PASSING
WATSON	-	SCRATCHED LAST START - COULD SHAKE LIFE OUT

1981. TROPHY WINNERS.	
1981. BEST & FAIREST.	R. O'CONNOR.
RUNNER UP.	G. CONSIDINE.
MOST CONSISTANT	G. CASEY.
MOST DETERMINED.	R. PUNSHON.
COACH'S TROPHY.	P. GOODEAR.


Rod O'Connor also received the Grenfell Family trophy, the Connis Menswear trophy, and a trip for two to Hobart which was donated by the club. The A2 best and fairest award went to Greg Millot and A3 award went to Mick Millet.



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PARKSIDE A GRADE PREMEIRS 1981
30 YEAR REUNION

Date 5th August 2011 *Quizzes By*
6pm til late

Venue Mona Castle Hotel *Language*
Austin St Seddon
Drinks at bar prices i.e. \$3.50 pot
Finger food provided or counter meals if required

Agenda 6.30pm –Beast Capt
Welcome & toast ‘those gone on before’
Words – Bryan Dalton – Coach
Words – Barry Beattie – President

‘Tis not a nite of speeches more of a night to mingle and to catch up”

9pm Open Mike (no singing!)

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT



PARKSIDE FOOTBALL CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT - SEASON 1981

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with a great deal of pride yet considerable humility that I write this, the 1981 Presidential report for our Club.

The reason being that, this year we achieved the pinnacle in securing the A Grade Premiership flag. The many hours of hard work that goes towards achieving ultimate success finally culminated with the final siren at Skinner Reserve on 12 September.

Such success does not of course, just happen. It takes a lot of dedicated people to just put a team on the field and without this dedication no sporting club would function. Finn the football aspect my congratulations and thanks to Brian Dalton, who in 1980 took on a position with a lot of hope, enthusiasm and desire but not the necessary talent at his disposal to provide the Club with the A Grade Premiership it so desperately sought. He was however able to, with the support of the Club, recruit and was able to mould together these new players with 1980 list players and players who had cane up through our junior ranks to attain the flag. Brian gave his time and efforts to the Club unstintingly and it was gratifying for me to see him reap the benefit of all the long, hard hours he put into coaching. To our captain Ron Fraser who ably led the team on the field, congratulations on a job well done and also for the support you gave the Club in many areas away from the field.

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1981 saw the establishment of a Board of Management, with the appointment of Directors in various capacities, rather than operation under a Committee system. The majority response to this system was very favourable. To these Directors I say thank you for the many hours put in which made my "job" a non-event as all aspects of controlling the various areas in the Club were so capably handled by the Directors:

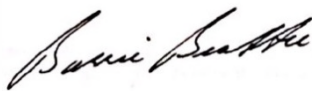
- Rod O'Connor - Director (Finance)
- John Crouch - Director (Fund Raising)
- Peter Bishop - Director (Social)
- Bruce Dolphin - Director (Administration)

To the Committee and all other people who played a part in our success a sincere thankyou and of course the Club looks forward to continued support in future years.

Being not a person to reflect on the past it is essential I believe to commence planning for years ahead, both to maintain our position at the top of the football scene and also to continue the building programme and maintain our fund raising. Plans already for the first mentioned are in operation for 1982.

In relation to buildings agreement has been reached with the Tottenham Baptist Cricket Club for part use and cost of a kiosk and scoreboard which will be in use by mid 1982. Plans are also being prepared for improvements to the showers and toilets area, bar facilities and in the longer term extensions from the social area out over the building soon to be vacated by the Youth Club. A further longer term proposal is to extend from the change room area in the same direction. So it can be seen things have happened and will continue in the future.

I have enjoyed my year as President of the Parkside Football Club even though I have not been able to put the time in to the position that I wished. The premiership was extremely gratifying, having not been able to achieve one when coach of the Club.



B.C. Beattie

SECRETARY'S REPORT

On behalf of the President, Directors and Committee I submit for your consideration the 85th Annual Report of the Parkside Football Club.

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A1 GRADE

Bryan Dalton was reappointed to the position of Club coach for season 1981 and helped re-establish the Club as a force in the FDFL. Bryan was ably assisted by the Club Assistant coach Gordon Casey,

Captain Ron Fraser, Vice-Captain Steve Watson, Deputy Vice-Captain Paul Barbuto and the coaches of our A2 and A3 teams.

Discussions were held with Bryan towards the end of 1980 and the Club committed itself to a Premiership in 1981 and to remaining as the leading Club in the FDFL. Initiatives have already been taken to ensure that for the next several seasons the Annual Report of our Club will again applaud the efforts of our senior footballers.

The Club wishes to thank the many officials who assisted in our A Grade victory and in particular Peter Filbin (Team Manager), Anthony Barber (Assistant Team Manager), Pat Foley, Peter Clarke, Terry Goodear and Brian Wilson (Trainers), Lou Dowling and Bob Turner (Runners) and Pat McDougall (Time-keeper).

Rod O'Connor won the Club Best and Fairest Award for season 1981, the fourth time he has done so since he joined our Club in 1976.

Rod also won the Parksiders Award which is based on the Coaches votes each week.

A2 GRADE

Jack Engwerda was reappointed to the position of Captain/Coach for his third term. Our A2 team was also a finalist in season 1981 and provided the depth of players necessary to ensure the A1 side had adequate back-up in cases of injury, suspensions etc.

The Club wishes to thank those members who helped with our A2 side over the season and in particular Ray Bentley (Team Manager), the Engwerda boys (Boundary Umpires) and Peter Favaro (Runner).

Greg Millott won the A2 Best and Fairest Award despite missing the start of the season and several training sessions due to work commitments. Hopefully Greg will be able to find the time next season to win back a position in our A1 team.

A3 GRADE

This was the first season the Club entered an A3 team in the FDFL. The decision proved to be successful despite the reservations some of us held at the start of the season. Ron Chapman was appointed Captain/Coach and due largely to his efforts the A3 team became a reality. Ron did the

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bulk of the recruiting for his side and brought many new players to our Club, some of whom won promotion to the higher grades of football.

Ron also recruited as team officials, Harold Philistin (Team Manager/Trainer), Margaret Philistin (Time Keeper), Peter Clarke (Goal Umpire) and Steven Ttatzaris (Boundary Umpire).

The Best and Fairest award was won by Mack Millett who proved his football ability by winning a place in our A2 finals team.

The Club congratulates the A3 team for their efforts during their inaugural year and is confident of bigger and better things in the future.

UNDER 17

First year Coach Bob Rice took his team to the Grand Final but unfortunately came up against a superior side.

Club appreciation is expressed to Peter Favaro (Team Manager), Mike Rochford (Trainer), Lee Moore (Time-keeper), Ian Ring (Runner) and Michael Camnerino (Boundary Umpire).

Zeno Ttatzaris and Souli Ktenidis were joint winners of the Best and Fairest award and both played a number of games in our Open Age teams. Souli again missed winning the FDFL Best and Fairest by one (1) vote.

UNDER 15

Mark Shimmen was appointed Coach of our Under 15 team after being runner in 1980. The team performed creditably for most of the season.

The Club wishes to thank Austin Hoy (Team Manager), Max Liddy (Trainer), Tony Fox (Runner) and the many others who gave their valuable time to assist Mark during the year.

Peter Clarke won both Parkside and FDFL Best and Fairest Awards and also played in the U17 Grand Final team.

UNDER 13

Lindsay Murphy coached our Under 13 team to the Grand Final but unfortunately was not lucky on that day. Lindsay spent a great deal of time recruiting players at the start of the season and was rewarded with a successful team.

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Those officials who helped Lindsay throughout the season were Peter Dodd (Team Manager), Peter Clarke, Gary Waters and Max Liddy (Trainers), Bob Turner (Runner), Shirley Dodd (Time-keeper) John Johnston (Goal Umpire) and Gory Turner (Boundary Umpire).

The Captain of our Under 13's, Paul McSweeney, won the Best and Fairest award and led the side by example during the finals.

UNDER 11

Don Browne-Kerr was once again in charge of the Under 11 team. Don had reasonable success on the field and once again his extensive if unorthodox recruiting methods brought many new players to the Club.

The Club wishes to thank Pat McDougall (Team Manager/Time-keeper), Don Browne-Kerr Jnr (Runner), Mal Browne-Kerr (Goal Umpire), Mal Browne-Kerr Jnr (Boundary Umpire) and Gary Waters (Trainer).

Timothy Dodd won the Club Best and Fairest award and polled well in the FDFL Voting.

UNDER 9

This is the second year the Club has entered an Under 9 team and Wayne Salt was appointed Coach this season. The side won as many games as it lost and several promising players will progress to the Under 11 team next year.

Wayne's officials were Bruce Dolphin (Team Manager/Runner), Graham Wickson (Time-keeper), Alan Douglas (Goal Umpire) and Frank Hecker (Trainer).

APPRECIATION

In a Club as big as ours there are many who give freely of their time to ensure that the Club is successful.

I am sure that these people got all the thanks they wasted when the Club won the Premiership but I would like to thank them formally for their work

Three people who deserve special mention are Gladys Browne-Kerr, Rose O'Brien and Clive Blair. Gladys and Rose ran the Club caravan which was a financial bonanza for the Club and Clive runs our Sunday morning social gathering twelve months of the year.

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Your Committee has great pleasure in recommending to this Annual General Meeting that Rod O'Connor be elected a Life Member in recognition of his services to the Club.

FINANCIAL

The Director (Finance) Rod O'Connor's report is attached and reveals the size of operations. Our invaluable association with the Western Suburbs Bingo Centre can be appreciated together with the continued support given by the Powell Hotel.

SOCIAL

The Director (Social) Peter Bishop once again organised a varied and successful social calendar culminating in our senior presentation night.

Peter would like to thank all those who helped him out over the season and in particular Steve Watson.

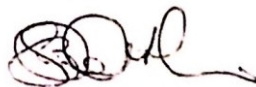
FUND RAISING

Director (Fund Raising) John Crouch was unfortunately limited in the amount of time he could devote to this aspect of the Club activities but the Club was still successful in raising sufficient funds to finance its operations.

Particular thanks for this must go to Ron Fraser and Neville O'Connor.

THE SEASON IN GENERAL

Season 1981 was to be a trial year for the Club. The members saw fit to approve a complete change to administration of the Club, a new President was elected, a new Treasurer was appointed and an ambitious recruiting campaign was undertaken. The Club has passed the trial but over the next several seasons must prove the system by continued success. On a personal note the season has been an enjoyable one. Directors meetings have been frequent during the year but less formal and lengthy as the Committee meetings of previous seasons. It is my intention to seek re-election for season 1982 and I hope that the Club has an even more successful season next year.



(J.B. Dolphin)

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 1981.

BANK AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS AT DECEMBER 1, 1980

- Investment account	2,000
- Bingo account	2,713
- Trading account	479
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	5,192
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INCOME

Bingo	31,347
Food sales - net	3,060
Fund raising	6,962
Interest received	994
Membership fees	1,560
Players levy	936
Refreshment sales	28,652
Rent received	700
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	79,403
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EXPENDITURE

Administration	856
Co-operative repayments	7,500
Equipment	3,143
Footscray District League Subscriptions etc	2,042
Light, power and ground rental	1,950
Refreshment purchases	18,746
Room maintenance	1,593
Team maintenance	32,660
Umpires	3,471
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	71,961
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	\$ 7,442
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Represented by:

- Investment account	72
- Bingo account	4,410
- Trading account	2,960
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	\$ 7,442
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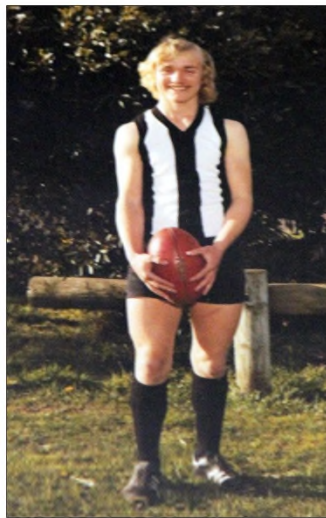


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Kevin Hillier remarks that, "The beginning of 1981 saw a change in naming of the senior grades; A Grade became A1 and B Grade became A2, while in the juniors the Under 10s were dropped in favour of Under 9s to give the age groups a more even balance. Wembley Park joined the competition as a result of a merger between Kingsville YMCA and Brooklyn.

The league reached a record 129 teams and exceeded four thousand players for the first time. Parkside won the A1 flag with Sunshine YCW taking out the A2; Spotswood was the A3 premier. In the juniors among the League, the Best and Fairest winner was Tony Pastore (Spotswood) who went onto play for Richmond and was a premierships player with Williamstown.

The A1 Best and Fairest player was Jim Blyth of St. Albans."



Peter Clarke

FDFL Best and Fairest – U 15 (1981)

Parkside opened the 1982 season with a 22 point win over a much West Footscray in the first round of FDFL football. Centre-half-forward Gary Considine proved to be difference between the two teams, carrying on from where he left off last season.

He was assisted by his younger brother David who also played well for Parks.

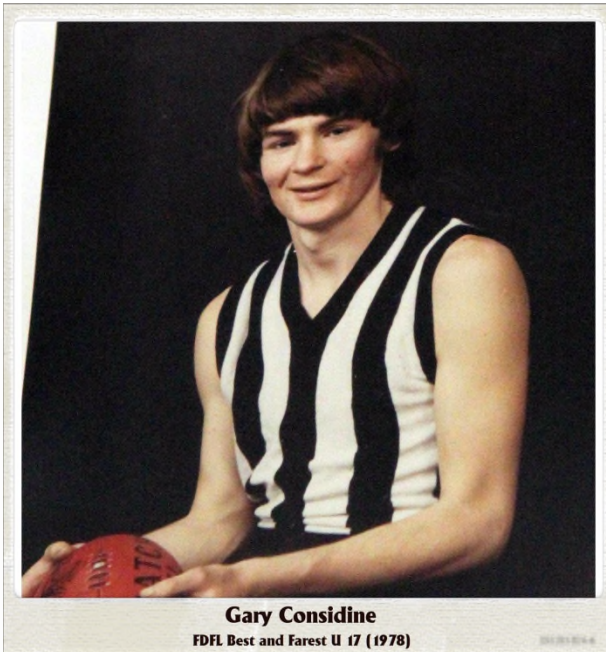
Parkside 14.15 (99) d. West Footscray 11.11 (77)

"Parkside proved far too strong for Sunshine YC with an 82 point victory over YC at Skinner Reserve. The talented Parkside team found it just as easy to score at either end kicking 11 goals in both directions while YC managed 11 goals with the wind but not one against it.

Parkside 22.23 (155) d. Sunshine YC 11.7 (73). Leigh Brett and Goed were best for Parkside."

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Gary Considine
FDFL Best and Fairest U 17 (1978)



Gary Considine (1962-2004)

"PARKSIDE Football Club has paid tribute to 1981 premiership forward Garry David Considine, who died on January 11 after a short illness. The West Footscray resident was 42.

Parkers dual premiership coach Phil O'Keeffe said Considine and his family have been steeped in club tradition for as long as he can remember. "You only have to look at photographs on the wall of our clubrooms to see Garry and other members of his family being players and administrators." Considine was a gun full-forward and a great wart despite losing some fingers in a work related accident.

A service was held at Our Lady's Catholic Church, Maidstone on January 15 and later at Memorial Park lawn cemetery, Altona North"

The Times, January 20, 2004

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"In round four, Albion defeated Parkside by 9 points. After an inaccurate first quarter which saw the Cats trail by six points they slowly got on the top of Parkside and during the third term kicked right away to have an uncatchable lead.

Parkside, to their credit, fought back in the last quarter but to no avail as the Cats had stolen the game."



"In a close torrid tussle Parkside led by just five points with 10 minutes to go. However, they were able to get a run and kick four quick goals in the dying minutes of the game to record a good 31 point victory.

Leigh Brett was again a dominating force for Parkside and he received many good tap outs from big ruckman Rod O'Connor. Parkside 17.18 (120) d. St. Albans 13.11 (89)."

Parkside, after trailing for most of the day, stormed home in the last quarter to defeat Kingsville by 12 points.

Trailing by 24 points at three quarter time Geoff Reeves, Gary Considine and Rod O'Connor controlled the game and Parkside added seven goals to Kingsville's solitary one.



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"With Gordon Casey starting to show some of last's year form Parkside drew away from Braybrook in each of the first three quarters to lead by 67 points at three quarter time."

Parkside 18.23 (131) d. Braybrook 9.7 (61)

	A1				
PARKSIDE.....	8	2	1140	794	32 143.57
NORTH FOOTSCRAY.....	7	3	1099	753	28 140.35
ALBION.....	7	3	929	719	28 129.20
KINGSVILLE.....	7	3	1069	905	28 118.12
St Albans.....	7	3	1054	926	28 113.82
West Footscray.....	6	4	1121	956	24 117.25
Sunshine YC.....	5	5	1042	1153	20 90.37
Deer Park.....	5	5	983	1088	12 90.34
Spotswood.....	3	7	946	988	12 95.74
Wembley PARK.....	2	7	755	939	12 80.40
Seddon.....	2	8	918	1383	8 66.63
Braybrook.....	—	10	881	1282	— 68.72



MCG 1982



"In a thrilling finish at Turner Reserve, in round twelve, Sunshine YC knocked Parkside from the top of the ladder with a one point victory over the 1981 Premiers."

Despite having nine less scoring shots Sunshine YC were able to win the game through their uncanny accuracy in scoring 21.3.

Leading by one points at three quarter time Sunshine managed five straight goals while Parkside could manage only 4.6 from 10 shots which left them still on point short.

Defeat forced Parkside drop from first to third on a most interesting ladder in which eight teams can still make the four. Sunshine YC 21.3 (129) d. Parkside 19.14 (128)"

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Souli Ktenidis

FDFL Best and Fairest – Under 17 (1982)

“After successive losses, Parkside obviously realising percentage could conceivably mean finishing on top or even out of the four, crushed their opponents Wembley Park by 105 points at Henry Turner Reserve. Having established an eight-goal break at half time Parkside did not relax. In fact it had its most productive quarter during the third term when they kicked eight goals to open up a percentage building lead.”



FDFL Representative Team – Adelaide 1982

P. Clarke, P. McSweeney, M. Clarke, L. Murphy, M. McSweeney, R. Turner

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"North Footscray were able to regain the lead they had at the half time, and during the last quarter North seemed to be firing on while Parkside's effort had stopped in vast contrast to their magnificent last quarter against Kingsville the week before."

"Parkside with the best percentage in the competition improved that percentage with a crushing 102 point victory over Seddon. With difficult game to play against Albion, Kingsville and St. Albans, Parkside shouldn't be found wanting with percentage should they finish equal with another club."

After Round 16 of FDL A Grade football Parkside were sitting in the second position on the ladder.

However, Parkside loses three games in a row finishing the 1982 season sixth on the ladder which was a huge disappointment, having in mind that they had a great run until the last three rounds.



Parkside Football Club – F.D.F.L. Premiers Under 13 - 1982

Back Row: P. Dodd (Manager), G. Considine (Ass. Coach), R. Turner (Runner), B. Beattie (President), D'Angelo, A. Clarke, J. Rametta, S. Bendelle, J. Clarke, L. Murphy (Coach), P. Clarke (Trainer), B. Dolphin (Secretary), N. McSweeney (Goal Ump.)

Second Row: J. Butler, B. Dodd, J. Hnatejko, R. Clemente, P. Considine, M. Fagone, L. Brincat

Third Row: G. Waters (Trainer), R. Chadwick, S. Tzatzaris, L. Sambevski (D.V.C), M. Clarke (Capt.), D. Zanic (V.C.), V. Rametta, D. Meurer

Front Row: S. Lucas, R. Wickson, M. McSweeney, D. Kaladjic, B. Sambevski, C. Tho

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It is disappointing to report on Season 1982 given that with the opportunity to win "back to back" A Grade Premierships, we were not even able to make the final four.

That disappointment is even more so in that I believe we had the necessary players within the Club to be the premier team, but due to a lack of desperation and the "will to win" that was evident in 1981 we were unsuccessful.

My thanks go to the Coaching Panel again led most admirably by Bryan Dalton and it was certainly not through Bryan's efforts that we did not enjoy a successful year. It was very pleasing to welcome back to the Club after a short absence Rod Crook to Coach the A2 team. Rod was a constructive and consistent support for Bryan and while we did not make the "final four" it was only through losses early in the year that stopped Rod from achieving the ultimate – a premiership. Graham Simmers took over the difficult and daunting task

of coaching the A3 team. A thankless task to say the least Graham was able not only to achieve considerable success, but more importantly provide a game of football for those who wish to play and cannot play A1 or A2 and also provide a steady stream of players to Rod and Bryan.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to advise the members that Bryan, Rod and Graham have all been reappointed for Season 1983.

Again this year my thanks go to Bruce Dolphin who ran the Club in his position as Director of Administration. Parkside would not operate in the same efficient manner without Bruce and the thanks from all connected with the Club go to him. Director of Finance Rod O'Connor has again this year provided us with budgets and updated information on our finances which has enabled us to provide healthy financial situation at the end of 1982. Peter Bishop admirably organized social functions as Director of Social Activities and our thanks to Peter for the time he has put in at the Club.

Neville O'Connor took over this year as Director of Fund Raising and it will be seen by the financial report the success Neville had in this area. As fund raising is an ever increasing problem for Junior Clubs this important role needs to be handled efficiently and Neville with his efforts achieved the goal set by the Directors. John Crouch took over a new Directorship of Public Relations and Recruiting. As we know this is an area where John is at his best and while he did not have the time to devote as he would have wished, his work was much appreciated by the Directors.

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Congratulations to Lindsay Murphy and his Under 13's for their premiership and it was a fitting result for a great team effort.

There have been many people this year who have worked extremely hard each week both with the juniors and seniors. My thanks to those people and the way in which they have supported and assisted the Club during 1982.

The challenge is now with us to succeed in 1983. To again reach the top we must work together as a team and be dedicated to reach the top by winning an "A" Grade flag. There is no real substitute for finishing at the top and I would leave you with that thought.

CLUB REPORT

On behalf of the President, Directors and Committee I submit for your consideration the 86th Annual Report of the Parkside Football Club.

A1 Grade

Bryan Dalton was re-appointed Coach of our A Grade team for season 1982. After the celebrations of 1981 he, together with Chairman of Selectors, Ron Fraser and Captain Steve Watson set about winning another premiership. Unfortunately the Club was unable to recruit sufficient players to replace those who were unavailable from the previous season.

Bryan and Ron have been reappointed for season 1983 and have already spent many hours interviewing prospective players to lift our Club back to Number One.

The Club wishes to thank all those officials who helped with our A Grade team and in particular Peter Filbin (Team Manager), Anthony Barber (Assistant Team Manager, Terry Goodear, Peter Clarke and Peter Favaro (Trainers) and Pat McDougall (Time-keeper). For the first time in the history of our Club we won the "FDFL Efficiency Award" which demonstrates the ability of our officials.

Congratulations are offered to Steve Power for winning the Best and Fairest Award in his second season with the Club.

A2 Grade

Rod Crook returned to our Club this season to take charge of our A2 team Rod's wealth of coaching and playing experience enabled him to mould a good team which was unfortunate to miss playing in the finals.

The Club wishes to thank those officials who helped Rod throughout the year.

Gary Kennedy had a runaway win in the Best and Fairest Award for the A2 team despite missing a number of games and the Club congratulates him for it.

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A3 Grade

Graham Summers was first connected with our Club in 1961 and has played in excess of 260 games. In 1982 he accepted the position of coach of the A3 team. This is an arduous task as the team must always play on the opposite venue to the A1 and A2 teams and Graham is to be congratulated on the successful season he enjoyed.

This success would not have been possible without the help of Harold Philistin (Trainer), Margaret Philistin (Time-keeper), Steven Tzatzaris (Boundary Umpire) and Peter Clarke (Goal Umpire)

The club congratulates Bob Rice on winning the Best and Fairest Award, one of many awards Bob has won with our Club.

Under 17

Mich Bochford was appointed coach of our Under 17 team for season 1982. The side took the field for the first game of the season with 16 players, three of whom were Under 15's. Through Mick and his helpers hard work the team improved greatly and eventually contested the finals.

Thanks go to Malcolm Berg (Manager), Peter Favaro (Trainer), Lee Moore (Time-keeper), John Ktenidis (Boundary Umpire) and Leo Cammerino (Goal Umpire).

Congratulations to Souli Ktenidis who won the FDFL U17 Best and Fairest Award and to Michael Considine who won the Club Award.

Under 15

A Grade player Gary Adams accepted the position of Under 15 coach. Although Gary had plenty of players his team found the competition in Division 1 a little strong. It is a measure of Gary's popularity that his players stuck by him despite their lack of success.

Thanks to Craig Ball (Manager), Gabe Ciavarella (Runner), Craig Thompson (Boundary Umpire), Mal Browne-Kerr (Goal Umpire), Austin Hoy (Time-keeper) and Shane Allen (Trainer).

Congratulations to George Ikonomou on winning the Best and Fairest Award and to Paul McSweeney on his selection to represent the FDFL in Adelaide.

Under 13

Lindsay Murphy led our Under 13 team to the Club's only premiership for 1982. Lindsay's side fought back from losing the second semi-final to convincingly win the Grand Final.

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The FDFL recognised Lindsay's coaching ability by appointing him coach of the FDFL Under 14 team which played in Adelaide. Also representing our Club and the League on that trip were Bob Turner (Runner) and Peter Clarke (Trainer) together with players Mark Clarke and Mark McSweeney.

Congratulations to Mark Clarke on winning the Best and Fairest Award.

Under 11

Don Brown-Kerr was again in charge of our Under 11's. Don's unique coaching style ensured the boys all had an enjoyable year and learnt about Aussie Rules football.

Don received tremendous help from Gary Waters (Team manager/Runner), Minty Nichols (Trainer), Mal Browne-Kerr Snr and Mal Browne-Kerr Jnr.

Congratulations to Bobbie Sambevski who won the Best and Fairest and went on to play in the Under 13 Premiership side.

Under 9

Wayne Salt once again undertook the daunting task of coaching the Club's Under 9's. With limited numbers Wayne was able to achieve same excellent results.

Wayne was supported throughout the year by Allan Douglas (Goal Umpire), Graeme Wickson (Time-keeper), Gary Knuckley (Trainer), Cassie Pietrelli (Trainer) and Mark Shinmen (Runner).

Khau Chu won the Best and Fairest Award and showed that he is a player of the future.

APPRECIATION

As is always the case with an organisation such as ours there are many who give freely and generously of their time to ensure the Club runs efficiently and smoothly.

Those that have undertaken specific tasks with particular teams have been mentioned previously in this report but there are many who have helped the Club in general.

To try to list each member individually is not possible available but, collectively, the Club appreciates your efforts.

Worthy of special mention are the Club's Committee, all of whom have put in a long and hard season, Gladys Dale-Kerr who ran the Canteen and made a profit in excess of \$1600, Clive Blair who continues to run the Club's Sunday functions and Herb Pascarl who cleans our Clubrooms throughout the season.

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Your Committee has great pleasure in recommending to this Annual General Meeting that Pat McDougall be elected a Life Member in recognition of her services to the Club and that Ron Punshon be elected a Life Member in recognition of his playing her services to the Club.

FINANCIAL

The Director (Finance) Rod O'Connor has continued the high standard set the previous season.

Reports to Committee have been concise and informative and have enabled them to correctly manage the Club's finances.

Once again the value of our association with the Western Suburbs Bingo Centre can be seen.

SOCIAL

The Director (Social) Peter Bishop once again organised a varied and successful social calendar. Highlights this season included the Hillbilly Night and the extremely popular Gerry and Perry Night.

Peter would like to thank all those who helped him throughout the season and in particular Steve Watson.

FUND RAISING

Director (Fund Raising) Neville O'Connor led his Sub-committee extremely well over the season and they managed to easily exceed their budget.

Neville had many helpers over the season but would particularly like to thank Ron Fraser for his assistance.

Neville has indicated to the Committee that he will not be seeking re-election for season 1983.

Neville has been a member of our Committee since 1962 and, whilst all are confident he will still be around during the season, his loss to the Committee will be immense.

RECRUITING/PUBLIC RELATIONS

At the last Annual General Meeting the position of Director (Recruiting/Public Relations) was created and John Crouch appointed to the position. John has continued to give the Club great service in the position with a number of new players joining the Club during the season.

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John has also indicated he will not be seeking re-election for the ensuing season. John has also been associated with the Club for a considerable time and his business experience and expertise shall be missed at future meetings.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Geoff REFS [300 games]
- Brian CLARK [250 games]
- Bob RICE [200 games]
- Robert CAMINITI [150 games]
- Gary CONSIDINE [150 games]
- Stephen DODDS [150 games]
- Trevor LOCKWOOD [150 games]
- John ANAGNOSTOU [100 games]
- Gary BACKUS [100 games]
- Michael CLARKE [100 games]
- Wayne TYRRELL [100 games]
- Dale ALLAN –U17 [100 games]
- Souli KTENIDIS – U17 [100 games]
- Gary TURNER-U15 [100 games]
- Mark CLAREE - U13 [100 games]

Lindsay MURPHY - third Club premiership

THE SEASON IN GENERAL

1982 was a disappointing season in many respects. After the successes of the previous season many of us expected that continued success would automatically follow and unfortunately discovered that victory in the FDFL goes only to those willing to fight for it.

The Club, and in particular Ron Fraser, Bryan Dalton and Rod Crook, has already taken steps to elevate our Club back to number one.

The past season reinforced the belief that our present administration system, works. Directors meetings were frequent, brief and fruitful whilst Committee meetings were well attended and constructive.

My thanks to the Committee and my fellow Directors for their support over the season and I hope to see most of them back in season 1983.

I would also like to record my thanks to the wives, girl-friends, families of our players and Committeemen who have to bear with the Club making more and more demands on the time of their menfolk, Without your co-operation our Club could not exist.

J.B. Dolphin (Secretary)

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1983

In September 1982, “bandits struck at the ANZ Bank in Barkly Street, Footscray and pulled off the biggest bank robbery in Australia’s history.”



In the 1983 season the club was robbed of premiership pennant in a really close encounter between North Footscray and Parkside.

However, people of South Australia and Victoria endured a terrible tragedy that occurred in February 1983.

Ash Wednesday, 16 February 1983, is a day most Australians will remember as bushfires swept across South Australia and Victoria resulting in the loss of 75 lives and the destruction of more than 3,000 buildings.



<https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/history-and-incidents/ash-wednesday-1983>

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"Parkside opened the 1983 Season with a 21 point victory over Albion. Rover Leigh Brett was well supported by Steven Power and Paul Madden whilst Leigh's brother Terry Brett gave his all for the Cats. Albion had an excellent second quarter in which they came back to trail by only two points at half time; however, during the third term Parkside built up what proved to be a winning break."

"Parkside proved too strong for Deer Park in their first home match for the season recording an easy 33 point win after leading by 10 goals at three quarter time. Rover Leigh Brett gave Parks great drive whilst ever reliable Peter Simpson put in his usual performance for the visitors.

Parkside have now won both their games and would be sharing equal favouritism for the flag with West Footscray in early markets."

Parkside was undefeated after the first four rounds.



SPOTSWOOD.....	4	0	0	606	309	1			
PARKSIDE.....	4	0	0	473	277	1			
WEST FOOTSCRAY.....	4	0	0	458	324	1			
SUNSHINE YC.....	3	1	0	523	369	1			
Braybrook.....	2	1	1	412	382	1			
St Albans.....	2	1	1	379	371	1			
North Footscray.....	2	1	1	400	403	1			
Deer Park.....	1	0	3	360	413	1			
Albion.....	0	0	4	307	421	1			
Kingsville.....	0	0	4	309	468	1			
Seddon.....	0	0	4	321	562	1			
Wembley Park.....	0	0	4	313	562	1			

"After a slow start Parkside finally overhauled Wembley Park to record a 37 point at Wembley Park.

After trailing by 35 points at quarter time Parkside were able to come back to lead by three points at half time.

Parkside were able to win the game when they scored four goals against the breeze in the third term. For Parkside Con Papas was best afield whilst Michael McMahon and Barry Norton both gave Wembley Park great drive."



The March 1983 brought landslide win in federal election to ALP under Bob Hawke

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"Parkside retained their unbeaten run when they proved too strong for the Brookers after an even first quarter in which Parkside held Braybrook to level scores despite a wind advantage.

During the second term Parks opened up a six goal lead which they increased to a 71 point victory. Neil Watson played an outstanding game."

"Spotswood, opening with the wind, added six goals in the first term whilst it could be said that Parkside had a very good quarter, scoring two goals 6 against breeze. However, it was during the second term that Spotswood hit their straps with both teams scoring three goals despite Parkside having a distinct wind advantage.

Spotswood led at half time by 20 points which proved to be a winning margin for the match, however, Parkside were not helped by 4 goals 10 in the last quarter and had they kicked straighter the result would have been a lot closer."

"Parkside continued the slide of Sunshine YC when they outclassed them by 68 points at Skinner Reserve. From the opening bounce Parkside proved too strong and it was only inaccurate kicking by Parkside that kept the margin so low.

After a promising start to the season everything seems to have gone wrong for Sunshine YC and they must now face an in-form West Footscray this weekend.

Parkside on the other hand, with Paul Barbuto playing an excellent game have, have returned to the winning list after last week defeat by Spotswood and are well on course to return to their '81 success. Parkside 19.24 (138) d. Sunshine YC 9.16 (70)"

"Parkside continued on their winning way with a 114 point victory over Kingsville at Angliss Reserve. After two wins in succession many people gave Kingsville a rough show of causing an upset but Parkside were determined to make sure that that would not occur and by half time had opened up a 68 point lead and the game was virtually over.

Upon marking the goal kickers I noticed an unusual name having kicked two goals. The name was Rod O'Connor. I wonder if it could be the same Rod O'Connor that when I laughed at his retirement plans last year he made the statement: "Well this time I'm going to burn my boots." Maybe there's been a boot sale around which has forced upon Rod an offer he couldn't refuse.

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Seriously, it's great to see Rod back playing, as together with Ron Brown and Barry Priest they are doing an excellent job in coaching the FDL open age inter-leagueside."

Parkside 23.20 (158) d. Kingsville 6.8 (44)

"West Footscray, who are becoming very hard to predict, defeated Parkside by 35 points in a game which opened with one of the most skilful and fast quarters seen for many seasons.

Both sides kicked four goals each with Parks leading by one point. During the second term West took over due mainly to a brilliant display by Joe Ebeyer. They opened up a 13-point lead at half time.

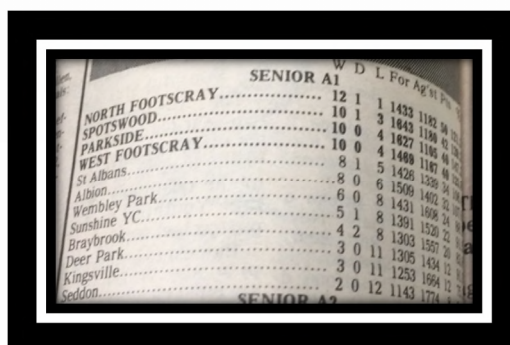
The third term was level. However, West finished too strong to record a 35-point win. Peter Starford the FDL's other grand final umpire from last season was in charge of this game."

West Footscray 14.18 (102) d. Parkside 9.13 (67)

"Parkside recorded an easy 63 point victory at the hands of Seddon. Seddon's younger players tried very hard particularly Grant Hodges and Francis Duckworth; however, it was all round experience of Parkside that eventually proved too much for their younger opponents.

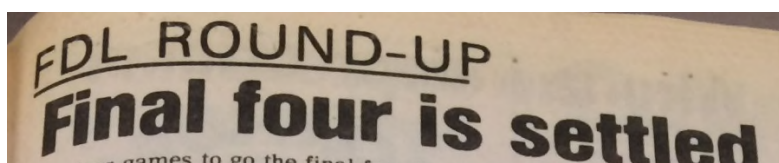
Parkside's young Trevor Lockwood has proved a great asset to his club since coming up through the junior ranks including under 17 best and fairest. Lockwood has kicked 38 goals for the season and is proving a very worthwhile footballer."

Parkside 21.17 (143) d. Seddon 12.8 (80)



	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pos
SENIOR A1						
NORTH FOOTSCRAY.....	12	1	1	1433	1182	54
SPOTSWOOD.....	10	1	3	1643	1188	43
PARKSIDE.....	10	0	4	1627	1185	44
WEST FOOTSCRAY.....	10	0	4	1460	1185	45
St Albans.....	8	1	5	1426	1187	46
Albion.....	8	0	6	1509	1339	34
Wembley Park.....	6	0	8	1431	1402	32
Sunshine YC.....	5	1	8	1391	1608	34
Braybrook.....	4	2	8	1303	1520	22
Deer Park.....	3	0	11	1305	1557	20
Kingsville.....	3	0	11	1253	1434	12
Seddon.....	2	0	12	1143	1774	1
SENIOR A2						

FDL Ladder 1983, After Round 15



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"Parkside, after receiving a shock by Wembley Park's ability in the first half, came back during the second half to record a vital 12 point win. A loss to Wembley Park would have been disastrous to Parkside's chances of holding the double chance. However, Wembley's high score has done little to help their percentage. Parkside 20.13 (133) d. Wembley Park 18.13 (121)

Parkside best: Casey, Power, Kennedy, Fraumano, Mills and Lockwood. Goals: Casey 5, Ross, Watts 3, S. Watson 2, Papas, Byrachevski, Rees and Power.



Following a 28-point victory over top team Spotswood, Parkside have moved within two points of taking the double chance in in this year's FDFL.

Parkside 14.15 (99) d. Spotswood 10.11 (71)

"North Footscray won the right to play in the grand final when they outrun Parkside on the huge Western Oval, following a brilliant last quarter in which their running players took the game away from Parkside, particularly in the first five minutes of the last term. "

Second semi-final: North Footscray 11.11 (77) d. Parkside 8.9 (57)

Parkside best: Madden, Rees, Casey, Mills, Papas, Fraumano, Lockwood and Power.

Goals: Lockwood 3, Casey 2, Watts, Bosco and Papas.



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"Parkside had a narrow nine-point win over West Footscray in the preliminary final on Saturday.

When North and Parkside met two weeks ago the game was close all day, with North getting an advantage in the third term and hanging on to their lead.

It was North's running players who did the job, which led everyone to believe that Parkside may have been found wanting in their clash against West Footscray, but to Parkside's credit it was their running players who kept going in the final few minutes to clinch victory.

North Footscray will be playing for their 19th win in a row on Sunday, and if they are successful then no one can honestly say that they have not been the most outstanding team for the 1983 season.

North coach Ron Brown is a master tactician and will not make finals selections or positional changes until he has taken all the factors into account. Parkside's Brian Dalton also has an enviable record in A grade and is respected throughout the FDL.

One of the highlights will be the clash between rival ruckman Ian Panell of North Footscray and Paul Madden of Parkside. The outcome of this contest will play a big part in who wins the game. Young Parkside player Trevor Lockwood has an outstanding future and his long kicking will be a feature of the game should the conditions be suitable for good football.

If the grand final turns out to be half as thrilling again as last week's preliminary final then the huge crowd will be in for a good day's entertainment."

The FDL preliminary finals results.

A1: Parkside 15.18 (105) d. West Footscray 15.9 (99)

Parkside best: Kennedy, Casey, Ross, Madden, Papas, Barbuto and Power.

Goals: Lockwood, Watts 4, Ross 2, Brett, S. Watson, Barbuto, Power and Papas.



"North Footscray won their third Footscray district League A made premiership with a thrilling three point victory over Parkside at Skinner Reserve.

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North trailed by 20 points at the last range but stormed home to kick five goals to Parkside's one in the final term. It was a desperate push, with players of both sides throwing themselves in for the all in attempts to clinch the premiership.

Parkside led by five points at half-time and increased that to 20 points at three quarter time after kicking with the wind in the first term. Many people felt that Parkside's lead would be sufficient. However, North were able to provide a dazzling last quarter which has been a trademark in their successive victories and a credit to coach Ron Brown's ability to be able to change players to the point where they are ays finishing over their opponents. To Parkside's credit, they led most of the time and were only caught in the final few minutes, and could have still won the game had a late shot for goal right on the siren not swung say for a point. "

Grand Final Results:

North Footscray 12.14 (86) d. Parkside 12.11 (83)



Diana and Charles open the Paisley Estate in Altona, Melbourne (1983)



"In 1983, the newly elected Labor government, with Bob Hawke as Prime Minister and Paul Keating as the Treasurer moved the Australian dollar onto a floating exchange rate."

http://www.nma.gov.au/online_features/defining_moments/featured/australian_dollar_floated

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR SEASON 1983

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In many ways we could put down the 1983 season as a success.

Given that the A and A4 teams both made the Grand Final yet failed at the last hurdle and the Under 17 team made the finals we could argue, that to finish second was a "good effort".

As we are all aware the start of each year we all have great expectations of success and as the year progresses there is the suffering of various let downs until we accept the final situation as "not that bad after all".

At this time last year you were advised of plans to combine with the Tottenham Baptists Cricket Club for a kiosk/scoreboard for Parkside, plus Club Rooms for the Cricket Club. Money was provided in the budget but not expended. The contract for this work has only been signed during the past week and work is to commence prior to Christmas. The program provides for completion prior to the first game in 1984.

There is also proposal being investigated for further extensions to the rooms. Quotes are currently being obtained for these and will be considered by the Committee early in the new year.

We thanks again to the Directors Bruce Dolphin, Rod O'Connor, Ron Fraser, Peter Bishop and Mike Rochford for the great work they have undertaken in their respective portfolios during the year. They all put in an amazing amount of time for the Club, which just would not operate without their commitment.

In 1984 we are not going to have the services of Brian Dalton and Rod Crook as A1 and A2 Coaches. My personal and the Committee's thanks go to both of these fellows for the dedication they have shown. I know that they both will still be involved with the Club for many years to come in some capacity and we all look forward to them both being actively involved in the Club's future. To Graham Summers who had the unenviable task of coaching the A4's, we all say "well done". To finish second in the final analysis was a disappointment but in retrospect it was an excellent effort.

To the Committee, ladies, junior coaches and helpers, trainers, team managers and the many other people concerned the Committee says thank you. A special tribute to Pat in her untiring duties as time keeper and Bingo organizer, without her the Club could not hope to function as effectively as it currently does.

President: **BARRIE BEATTIE**

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

On behalf of your President, Directors and COmmittee I submit for your consideration the 87th Annual Report of the Parkside Football Club.

A1 GRADE

Bryan Dalton was reappointed to the position of Club coach for his fourth term in 1983. The team went as close as is possible to winning the A1 premiership and Bryan is to be congratulated on the team's performance particularly considering the number of serious injuries the Club suffered.

Bryan indicated to the Club at the conclusion of the season that he would not be seeking reappointment in season 1984. Bryan's record with the Club as a coach (A1 Premiers 1981 and A2 Premiers in 72 & 73) is outstanding and the Club owes Bryan a great deal. The Club would also like to thank Bryan's wife Dawn for her patience and understanding in allowing Bryan to devote so much of his time to the Club.

The Club wishes to thank the many officials who assisted in running our A Grade and in particular Peter Filbin (Team Manager) Anthony Barber (Assistant Team Manager), Harold Philistin (Head Trainer) Peter Clarke and Rex Bennett (Trainers) Eileen Meagher (Physiotherapist) and Pat McDougall (Time-keeper).

Paul Madden won the Club's A1 Best and Fairest despite playing most of the season with a knee injury. First year player, Con Papas, was runner-up and the Club congratulates both these players.

A2 GRADE

Rod Crook was again appointed Captain/Coach of the A2 team. The A2 team was in the unfortunate position of having the A1 and A4 teams in the finals and for half the season was depleted as players qualified for finals. Rod has also indicated to the Committee that he will not be seeking reappointment in season 1984. Since Rod has returned to the Club he has proven to be an excellent coach and a very good recruiting officer who has brought players of the quality of Jim McConnell and Con Papas to the Club.

The Club wishes to thank those members who helped run the A2 Team and in particular Mick Rochford (Team Manager/Runner), Brett Filbin (Boundary Umpire) and Pat McDougall (Time-keeper).

Leo Daglish won the A2 Best and Fairest Award in a result that proved extremely popular with all present at the vote count. The Committee has appointed Leo Captain/Coach of the A2 team for season 1984 and is confident he will do his usual excellent job.

A4 GRADE

Graham Summers was reappointed coach of our third Open Age team and despite the many difficulties associated with organising players and officials was able to coach the team to the Grand

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Final. Unfortunately the team was not quite good enough on the day but the Club is proud of Graham's achievements.

John Barbuto won the A4 Best and Fairest award and it is to be hoped John will go on to better things in season 1984.

UNDER 17

At the commencement of the season the Club had serious reservations as to the viability of our Under 17 team. No coach could be found for the side and few players were available. The Club owes a great vote of thanks to Lindsay Murphy and Don Brown-Kerr who took on the job of jointly coaching the team and recruiting players. It is history now that the team contested the preliminary final which is testimony to their dedication and hard work.

To the team of helpers that helped Don and Lindsay a big thank you.

The Best and Fairest in this grade was won by Peter Clarke who it is hoped will bolster the Open Age teams in 1984.

UNDER 15

Garry Adams was reappointed U15 coach and enjoyed a much more successful season in 1983. Garry combines coaching with playing and has to spend a considerable amount of time at the Club to fulfil both his jobs.

Garry was able to recruit a number of his teammates to help him throughout the season and the Club appreciates their efforts.

UNDER 13

Lindsay Murphy was again in charge of our U13 team who found the competition in Division 1 a little bit strong. Lindsay received considerable support from Pat Considine who filled in for Lindsay when he was unavailable.

Lindsay also has a considerable back-up team and the Club thanks them sincerely for their help.

John Rametta won the Club U13 Best and Fairest and the Club is confident that John is talented enough to go on to better things.

UNDER 11

Don Brown-Kerr continued his long run of junior coaching with the Under 11's. Don again enjoyed reasonable success on the field and his coaching and recruiting methods if unorthodox proved popular with his players.

Don's team of helpers were there every Sunday to help out and gave wonderful service over the year.

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The U 11 Best and Fairest award was won by Shaun Hocking and the Club offers him their congratulations.

UNDER 9

First year coach Peter Bessell was appointed just prior to the season and proved to be an excellent coach and recruiter. He assembled an enthusiastic and willing group of workers who combined to enable our U9's to enjoy their most successful season to date.

Ross Douglas won the Best and Fairest award and will prove to be an excellent player for the Club as he grows older.

APPRECIATION

A Club such as ours relies on people who are willing to give freely of their time and labour to enable it to continue to operate.

The Parkside Football Club is fortunate to have so many of those people and to the Directors, Committee, Officials and helpers the Club wishes to record its appreciation.

To mention all who help would prove impossible but I would like to record special thanks to Gladys Browne-Kerr who runs our Club Canteen, Pat McDougall who is time-keeper for the A1 & A2 teams and runs the Club's Bingo game, Harold Philistin who put in countless hours as Head Trainer, Herb Pascarl who cleans the rooms after the rest of us have run riot and Clive Blair who runs our Sunday morning social gathering.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Your Committee has great pleasure in recommending to this Annual General Meeting that Peter Clarke be elected a Life Member of the Club in recognition of his services to the Club.

SPONSORSHIP

The 1983 season saw a dramatic increase in sponsor support for the Club. Mr Vic Malney of Malneys Motor Body Works supported all Open Age sides with Best Player Awards and provided additional awards for the finals series. The Club appreciates Vic's support and hopes it will continue for many years.

Our Director (Fund Raising) Mick Rochford organised a Sponsor's Club Calendar and to all who supported this venture the Club records its thanks.

FINANCIAL

The Director (Finance) Rod O'Connor's report is attached for your consideration. The continued growth in our operations is reflected in these statements and the Club is most appreciative of Rod's work in this area.

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SOCIAL

Peter Bishop was re-elected Director (Social) for season 1983 and organised a varied and successful social calendar. The Club was particularly pleased with the success of this year's Annual Ball.

The Club wishes to thank Peter for another year's hard work.

FUND RAISING

Our first year Director (Fund Raising) proved to be a great success. Mick tackled his job with enthusiasm and great competence and easily exceeded his Budget.

The Club wishes to thank Mick for his efforts and shares his confidence that he will do even better in 1984.

RECRUITING /PUBLIC RELATIONS

Ron Fraser filled the position of Director (Recruiting/Public Relations) for season 1983. His success as a recruiting officer can be gauged by the ability of those players he introduced to the Club during the season.

Ron has already commenced work for season 1984 and is confident of recruiting those couple of players necessary to secure the A1 flag.

THE SEASON IN GENERAL

I am unfortunately a very poor loser and derived little satisfaction from the 1983 season. The season was financially successful, long term building programs have moved closer to finalisation and several good young players were recruited to the Club. However, the only real measure of success is to win the A1 Premiership and we must all strive to ensure the Parkside Football Club is number one in the FDFL in 1984.

I would like to thank my President and fellow Directors for their continued support during the season. The considerable amount of time they put into the Club and their commitment to success gives me confidence for a satisfactory result in 1984.

Secretary: **BRUCE DOLPHIN**

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FINANCIAL REPORT

It is with a great deal of pride that I am able to give you the members of our Club my thoughts on how the Club's finances were managed this year. As you can see by the enclosed statement of income and expenditure we were able to record a surplus of \$950.00. I feel that this result was achieved by our attempts to control expenditure throughout the year and no doubt this will need very close monitoring in the future.

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Although our income increased the cost of maintaining a successful playing Club in all grades and combining this with providing first class social rooms is an ever increasing one.

Items such as team maintenance and equipment are causes of concern as their increase year to year seems to become greater.

Our income this year has increased at a satisfying rate with Bingo being the main source. Fund raising has achieved an excellent amount and this area will become more important as our normal income levels out.

I would like to thank Gladys Brown-Kerr and her helpers who raised the magnificent sum of \$2030.00. This amount far exceeded all our expectations.

To my fellow Directors Mick Rochford and Ron Fraser many thanks for an excellent year in fundraising. These two proved that in the past we never really explored this area fully. My thanks also go to Neville O'Connor for controlling the Bingo Accounts and to Clive Blair for his Sunday mornings.

Finally I would like to thank all those who have assisted me throughout the year and I look forward to another successful year not only financially but also on the playing side.

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 1983	
BANK AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS AT DECEMBER 1, 1982	
- Investment account	184
- Bingo account	8,742
- Trading account	601
	<u>9,527</u>
INCOME	
Bingo	44,801
Food sales - net	2,030
Fund raising	10,102
Interest received	1,612
Membership fees	1,750
Players levy	1,073
Refreshment sales	25,466
Rent received	450
Sales of jumpers and equipment	2,355
	<u>89,639</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>99,166</u>
EXPENDITURE	
Administration	2,928
Co-operative repayments	2,972
Equipment	8,358
Footscray District League subscriptions etc	808
Light, power and ground rental	3,218
Refreshment purchases	14,310
Room maintenance	3,559
Team maintenance	48,000
Umpires	4,220
	<u>88,689</u>
	<u>10,477</u>
Represented by:	
Bank and investment accounts at November 30, 1983	
- Investment account	200
- Bingo account	8,071
- Trading account	2,206
	<u>\$ 10,477</u>

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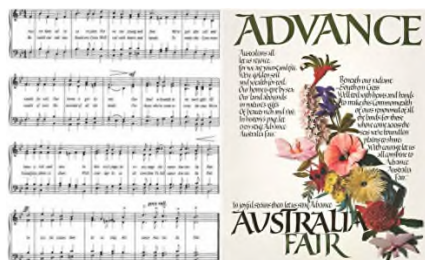
"On 1 February 1984, the highly controversial Medicare system was introduced. It established basic health care for all Australians."

"With this historic initiative, all Australians now have a new, simpler and fairer health insurance system." - Prime Minister Robert Hawke, 5 March 1984

http://www.nma.gov.au/online_features/defining_moments/featured/medicare

"In April 1984, Vic Kernick, Footscray's first busker has died. He was 68. During the 1930s he became a top amateur boxer, training at Mc Leod's Gym, Wearing Street, Footscray. During his five-and-a-half years in the RAAF from 1941 as a gunner and aircraft mechanic, his boxing prowess won money for many Air Force types in the Pacific area.

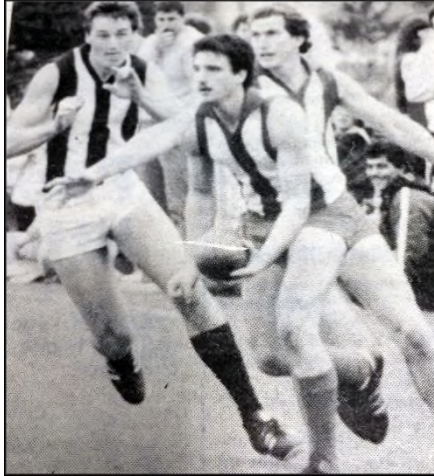
Late in the Depression Mr Kernick and his brother Wally, became well known for their paper stand opposite Woolworths. They also made extra money as possibly Footscray's first buskers, standing outside Coles, in Footscray. "



In April 19, Advance Australia Fair was proclaimed Australia's national anthem

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The opening match of the 1984 season between Parkside and North Footscray

North Footscray 22.9 (141) d. Parkside 12.10 (82)

Magpie Mayhem

"Injury man has ended the football career of Parkside's "Big Little Man," Brian Clark.

The 31-year-old defender has had complicated surgery on his right thumb and he has been told he can forget about football for the rest of this season.

The operation involved the wiring of two bones and a skin graft. Clark was injured in a FDFL match at Deer Parl on 2 June. Besides a compound dislocation a bone in his thumb was broken in two places.

"I doubt if I will play football again," Clark said. "It is too early to say for sure so I will postpone a final decision about my future until next year."

Clark is a 180 cm, 78 kg full-back, who, for 15 years, has had to battle against taller and heavier opponents week after week and beaten most of them. That's why Parkside call him their "big little man."

A veteran of 290 games, Clark was Parkside's 1981 premiership full-back and played in FDFL grand finals of 1970 and 1983.

A fully qualified pharmacist, Clark is manager of Pepin's Highpoint West Pharmacy in Maribyrnong."

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Boots go on again after 'retirement'

The 1984 season started with Gordon Casey's retirement which was one of the shortest on record.

"The Parkside coach donned the boots against West Footscray on Saturday in the second round of the FDFL's A 1 competition.

Although Parkers lost by 40 points, Casey did his bit. He won a stack of kicks in the centre and was among his team's better players.

Secretary Bruce Dolphin said Casey's playing future was uncertain.

"He is a week to week proposition," Dolphin said. Other Parkside players to show out on Saturday were ruckman Mark Lawrence, ruck-rower Paul Barbuto and half-back Leigh Donaldson.

Rover Lee Brett cracked three ribs and will be out of action for two to three weeks.

West Footscray 16.14 (110) d. Parkside 9.6 (70)

"Parkside full-back Jim McConnell has been nursing a broken finger since the opening game against North Footscray. He has played his last game until he gets back from an overseas trip shortly before the finals."

"Parkside centreman Con Papas, runner-up for club best and fairest last season, is back training after arthroscopy knee surgery."

Opposing back pockets Leigh Brett (Parkside) and Frank Pavlowicz (Sunshine YC) stood out for their respective teams in the game at the former's Henry Turner Reserve.

Parkside took the points after a hard battle. Parkside 9.12 (66) d. Sunshine YC 6.18 (54)

Best for Parkside: Brett, Devlyn, S. Watson, Caminiti, Lawrence

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“Parkside centreman Matt Byrachevski showed no signs of pre-marital jitters in last Saturday’s FDFL match at Henry Turner Reserve.

He was best on the ground in the A1 match against Braybrook. Twenty-four hours later he was tripping down the aisle. Byrachevski married Karen McSweeney in a church wedding. Best man was Parkside’s A2 half-forward John Anagnostou.

With Byrachevski starring in the centre and “comeback” coach Gordon Casey (eight goals) winning kicks in a forward pocket, Parkside won their first game of the season.

It was Byrachevski’s first match since a two-match suspension. Secretary Bruce Dolphin said he would be available to play next Saturday.

A1 Seniors				
North Footscray	8	0	1 1079	688 156.83 32
Wentworth Park	7	0	2 1046	708 147.74 28
Southwood	7	0	2 951	659 144.30 28
West Footscray	6	0	3 936	762 122.83 24
Seddon	6	0	4 903	925 97.62 20
Kingsville	4	0	5 905	841 107.60 16
Parkside	4	0	5 873	953 91.60 16
Albion	4	0	5 813	980 82.95 16
Braybrook	2	0	6 953	1041 91.54 12
Sunshine YCW	3	0	6 874	1057 82.68 12
St. Albans	2	0	7 717	929 77.17 8
Deer Park	1	0	8 762	1269 60.04 4
A2 Seniors				
West Footscray	6	0	0 1210	555 237.83 36
Parkside	6	0	3 852	648 131.48 24
Seddon	6	0	3 896	749 119.62 24
Sunshine YCW	6	0	3 931	789 117.89 24
Southwood	6	0	3 778	761 101.57 24
Kingsville	5	0	4 664	693 95.81 20
North Footscray	5	0	6 808	920 98.53 16
St. Albans	3	0	6 780	741 105.26 12
Braybrook	3	0	6 898	849 95.28 12
Albion	3	0	6 773	954 81.02 12
Wentworth Park	2	0	7 693	833 84.63 8
Deer Park	0	0	8 500	1217 41.08 4

FDFL 1984 Season – Ladder (After round 8)

**Parkside bid
for top four**

“The Western Times recorded, In July 1984 that, “After a dismal start to the season, Parkside are now emerging as the biggest threat to the teams in the FDL four.

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Their string of wins went one better on Saturday, when they soundly beat last year's premiers, North Footscray.

North, with two losses in two weeks, have slipped from first to third spot, and may be hard pushed to regain double chance, judging the form of Spotswood and Wembley Park. Parkside's Paul Barbuto was best on the ground, and his team set up victory in the first half when they opened up a 32-point lead.

Mark Lawrence and Paul Madden both contributed for the home team."

"Accurate kicking and a good third quarter were enough for Wembley Park to beat Parkside by 15 points at the Henry Turner Reserve on Saturday.

Fine attacking football, good marking and straight shooting provided good entrainment for the loyal fans who hugged the boundary line or took to the warmth of their cars to view spectacle. The early minutes of the match were played at a furious pace with 10 goals kicked in the first term. Wembley full forward Grant Brown was holding marks and converting chances.

Parkside, fighting for a spot in the final four, found good service from John Barbuto who booted three goals. Despite some minor scuffles, the game was played in good spirits with the occasional shout of abuse coming from a few hot-headed young charges at the man in white.

Both sides showed skilled use of handball and foot passing and although not first class standard, it was possibly the best free entertainment going on a Saturday afternoon.

Former Footscray player Mark Komp, now with Parkside, was well held in the reserve match. Despite this, Parkside went on to win by 21 points with a constructive running game."



Wembley Park v. Parkside (July 1984)

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Parkside Paul Madden leaps over a team mate



Wembley Park 20.3 (123) d. Parkside 17.6 (108)

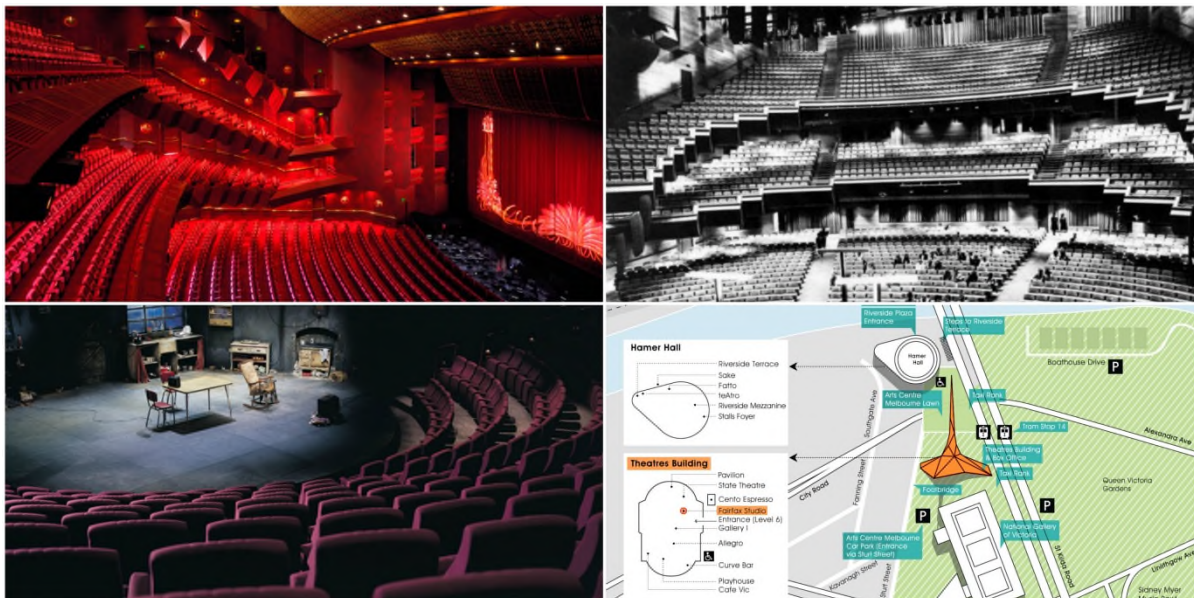
Parkside, chasing fourth position, beat Braybrook when they kicked six of their eight goals in the first term, and were able to hold Braybrook to one goal in each of the four quarters. Barry Priest starred for Braybrook, and Leigh Donaldson played well for Parkside.

Parkside 8.13 (61) d. Braybrook 4.7 (31)

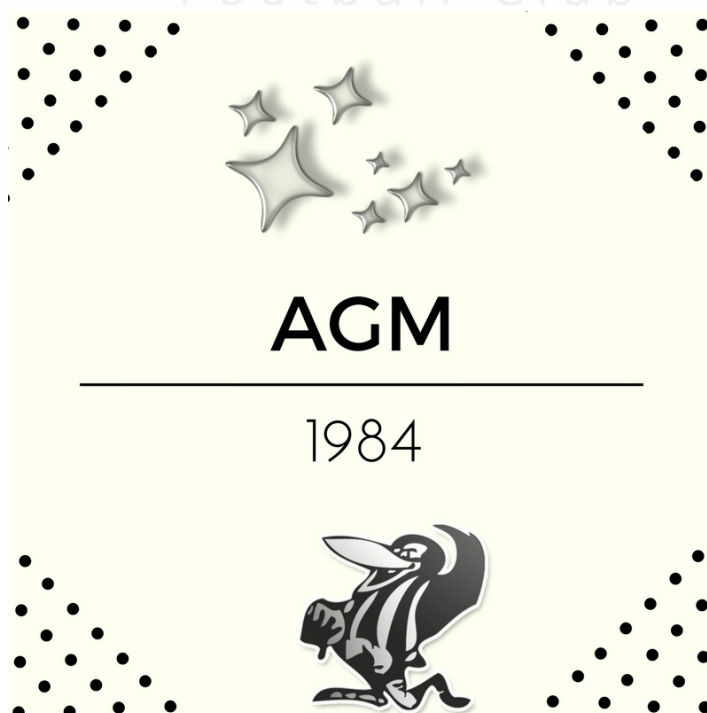
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However, Parkside were not able to reach the fourth position and spot in finals, instead the A team finished the 1984 season in fifth place.



In 1984 Melbourne's Art Centre opened State Theatre, Playhouse, and George Fairfax Theatres.



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PARKSIDE FOOTBALL CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR SEASON 1984

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As this will be the last report I shall be presenting, as President of the Club, it is relevant to reflect on the past four years: and also to look to the future of the Club.

By some standards, we could be satisfied - having finished 1st, 2nd and just out of the "four" in the other two years! With the team and support which we had, I believe that our results should have been better. The financial and development aspects of the Club have been excellent, over this period; payment having been completed for the rooms and also for the joint proposal with Tottenham Baptist Cricket Club.

The hard work which has been put into the Club, over many years, has allowed not only for what we now have but has also allowed for proposed extensions to the rooms, which would make the Club one of the best established, in this regard, in the Metropolitan area.

The amount of work, which people put into a Club such as ours, never ceases to amaze me. The only reward they receive is the satisfaction of seeing the team be successful.

I regret leaving this position at the current time, as it was one of my priorities to see the further extension completed. I would urge the new Committee to "push along" with this project, as quickly as possible. It is necessary, in fact, I believe, vital, to ensure the viability of the Club in future years. It may be that forms of gambling other than "Bingo" might come to the State and our Club must be prepared to be at the forefront, if that happens, as was the situation with "Bingo".

Player-wise, there is, and will continue to be, a constant concern to get the right players down to the Club and, given the continued and perhaps increased competition from other Clubs, then this area will require greater intensity of effort.

My thanks to the Club for being able to serve as President for four years.

My special thanks to Bruce Dolphin, who actually runs the Club, and his presence in years to come will be sadly missed: to Ron Frazer, Mike Rochford, Neville O'Connor, Rod O'Connor, Peter Bishop, for their support as Directors: to our two senior coaches, Brian Dalton and Gordon Casey - a job well done, to you both: and to the many other people throughout the Club, who make Parkside what it is - and, given that, what it will continue to be for many years to come.

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CLUB REPORT

On behalf of your President, Directors and Committee I submit for your consideration the 88th Annual Report of the Parkside Football Club.

A1 GRADE

Gordon Casey was appointed Club Coach for season 1984 and agreed to play only if the Club considered it necessary. The fact that Gordon played in 16 games for the season is a measure of his worth to the Club. Despite a very poor start to the season, the A1 team recovered to finish just outside the final four.

Gordon has been re-appointed Coach for season 1985 and already has the players training hard for the coming season. With the influx of a couple of new faces the Club can be confident of a successful 1985.

The Club would like to record its thanks to those many officials who assisted in the running of our A1 team and in particular Peter Filbin (Team Manager), Anthony Barber (Assistant Team Manager), Harold Philistin (Head Trainer), Pat Foley, Peter Clarke, Bruce Filbin and Peter Favaro (Trainers), Eileen Meagher (Physiotherapist) and Pat McDougall (Time-keeper).

Paul Barbuto, our A1 Captain, won the Club Best and Fairest award for the season. Paul also represented our league with distinction during the season and has been recommended for election as a Life Member of the Club. Matt Byrachevski finished close behind Paul in the voting and he also represented the FDFL during the season.

A2 GRADE

Leo Daglish returned to the coaching scene when he was appointed Captain Coach of our A2 team. Leo had another excellent season with the Club and lead his team into the finals only to be beaten narrowly in the Preliminary Final. Leo played his 300th Open Age game with the Club during the season and now has played the third highest number of games with the Club. (Geoff Rees has played 344 and Herb Pascarl claims 321).

The Club would like to thank Mick Rochford (Team Manager), P. Favaro (Trainer), Paul Howells and Nick Condos (Runners) and Pat McDougall (Time-Keeper).

David McKay won the A2 Best and Fairest award and it is to be hoped he will again be with the Club in 1985.

A3 GRADE

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Graham Summers was reappointed Coach of our third team. After competing in the 1983 A4 Grand Final Graham's team was promoted to the A3 Grade. In this grade our thirds had to play mainly against other teams firsts and the task proved far too difficult.

Graham had a small band of workers who helped him throughout the year and the Club thanks Brian Wilson (Time-keeper) and Bruce Grenfell (Trainer) in particular.

Darren Steeve was judged our Best and Fairest player in this grade. Darren has many sporting commitments being an Australian Representative and his achievement in winning an award such as this in his off season deserve congratulations.

UNDER 17

Lindsay Murphy coached our Under 17 team in 1984. Lindsay was also appointed coach of the FDFL Under 17 Representative Team which was narrowly defeated by the eventually winners, the EDFL. Lindsay's team lacked depth and was primarily an Under 16 team but managed to acquit themselves admirably.

Lindsay was helped out during the season by Alan Nitschke (Team Manager), Michael Albanis (Runner), Pat Foley (Trainer), Mal Browne-Kerr (Goal Umpire) and Beryl Murphy (Time-keeper).

Paul McSweeney, who has another year of Under 17 football in front of him, won the Best and Fairest Award.

UNDER 15

New coach to the Club, Hank Witkowski, took charge of our U15 team. The U15 competition had four teams of approximately equal ability who contested the finals and the Parkside boys, after being narrowly defeated in the 2nd semifinal, were unfortunately beaten in the preliminary final when most of the side was suffering from a virus infection.

Hank had many helpers throughout the season and the Club thanks them and in particular Alan Pearson (Team Manager), Steve Pearson (Runner), Peter Clarke (Trainer), Paul McDermott (Goal Umpire) and Norm McSweeney (Time-keeper).

Captain Peter Considine won the Club U15 Best and Fairest Award and also represented the FDFL during the season.

UNDER 13

Long time Club coach Don Browne-Kerr coached our U13's this year. Once again Don's unique approach to coaching and recruiting helped the Club establish a competitive junior team and several of the new players Don brought to the Club have the potential to go on to better things.

Don was helped during the season by Gary Cocks (Team Manager), Murray Nichols, Craig Browne-Kerr, Mal Browne-Kerr (Jnr and Snr) and several other workers.

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Marty Saunders who has played with the Club since U9 won the Best and Fairest award and it is hoped he continues with the Club as he has plenty of potential.

UNDER 11

First time coach Gary Waters took charge of our U11 team. Gary was short of members for most of the season but his team managed to win their share of games.

Gary had several hard workers during the year and in particular Joe Tomasello, Garry Greeves, Alan Douglas and Pam Greskie.

Khau Chu won his second Best and Fairest award for the Club and was again unlucky in the FDFL voting to finish second once more.

UNDER 9

Peter Bessell was re-appointed coach of our U9's. Boys of this age group are very difficult to coach but Peter has managed to transform this team into a very competitive unit whilst also concentrating on teaching the lads to play the game correctly.

Peter had an enthusiastic team of helpers including Graham Wickson, John Meagher, D. McFarlane, D. Statton, W. Hall, Len Cook and K. Peterson.

Peter Guida won the Club's and the FDFL Under 9 Best and Fairest awards and the Club congratulates him on his victories.



APPRECIATION

The Parkside Football Club fields eight teams in the FDFL and to do so requires considerable time and effort from many people. To thank all who make this commitment would fill many pages so to you all, on behalf of our Club, thank you.

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Personal thanks must go to Gladys Browne-Kerr who organises and works in our Canteen and Pat McDougall who time-keeps for our A1 and A2 teams and then spends the night at Bingo.

FOOTSCRAY DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

1984 has been a big year for our League in many ways. The Open Age Representative Team won the Metropolitan Championship and to our representatives, Rod O'Connor (selector), Paul Barbuto, Mat Byrachevski and Paul Madden and to the League we offer our congratulations.

The League has also decided that in 1985 there will be full-time Administrative Staff and this will mean a great deal to our League and its member Clubs.

SPONSORSHIP

Once again the Club has been fortunate to have the financial backing from many local businesses.

The support given by the Rising Sun Hotel has been outstanding and to the management of the Hotel and in particular Bernie O'Connor the Club wishes to say thank you.

To the other organizations who supported our Club, we also say thank you and look forward to your continued associations with us

FINANCIAL

Rod O'Connor had the unenviable job of controlling the Club finances during 1984. The Club has continued to meet all obligations as they fell due and also financed our new building. The Club has been fortunate to have a man of Rod's ability controlling our moneys over the past several seasons.

FUND RAISING

Mick Rochford again took on the job of organizing and fund raising. This season it proved extremely difficult to separate people, from their money but Mick once again tackled the job with enthusiasm and confidence.

RECRUITING/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Ron Fraser once again undertook these duties combined with his role as Chairman of Selectors. Our A1 team of 1984 is a basis for many successful seasons and Ron, in conjunction with Gordon Casey, is already seeking those extra few players we will need for 1985.

HOUSE

Neville O'Connor was elected a Director during the season and tasked with managing our Club rooms and Bar.

Neville tackled this job with his usual enthusiasm and competence and is to be congratulated on the job he has done.

COMMITTEE 1984

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Alan Nitschke, Pat Considine, Harold Philistin and Don Goodear constituted the balance of our General Committee.

Throughout the season they have contributed strongly at Committee meetings and in helping our Club function.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Your Committee has a great deal of pleasure in recommending that Paul Barbuto and Greg Knox be elected Life Members of the Club in recognition of the continuous playing services with the club and Peter Filbin be elected a Life Member in recognition of his services to the Club.

MILESTONES REACHED

Leo Daglish	Neil Grenfell	David Considine	Leigh Brett	Mike Considine	Greg Knox	Garry Mallia	Barry Rees	Peter Cammerino
300 games	300 games	200 games	150 games	150 games	150 games	150 games	150 games	100 games
Scott Howells	Darren Lane	Lee Thomson	Anthony Barber (U17)	Mal Brown-Kerr (U17)	Brett Dodd (U15)			
100 games	100 games	100 games	100 games	100 games	100 games			

THE 1984 SEASON IN GENERAL

The 1984 season was generally a disappointing season for the Club. As I have stated previously, the measure of success can only be an A1 Premiership and after missing by the smallest of margins in 1983 great hopes were held for 1984.

However next season should be looked forward to by all.

The enthusiasm of the new Administration you shall elect this evening together with our sound financial position now that our building commitments are cleared should give the Club the basis of a successful year.

SUMMARY

At the time of writing this report it is very doubtful that I shall be able to attend the Annual General Meeting.

I would like to thank the Club for having me as Secretary for 11 of the past 12 years and I thank the various Presidents and Committees for their support.

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I have indicated to the Committee that I will not be in a position to accept nomination for office in 1985 but am sure that the Secretary you elect this evening shall enjoy the same support I have.

BRUCE DOLPHIN

Secretary

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FINANCIAL REPORT

In many ways the 1984 financial year has proven to be very successful in that we have been able to maintain our costs at an acceptable level, whilst still having competitive sides in all grades of the League.

My belief that we must be successful on the field as well as off is still foremost in mind and I hope this will be observed in - the coming season.

It is most pleasing to note that we have finally completed our Scoreboard/Kiosk. This project cost the Club \$12000 and hopefully will very quickly repay this outlay.

The efforts of Gladys Browne-Kerr and her helpers in raising \$3500 was magnificent and it is only hoped that Gladys will have a change of heart and be with us next year.

Mick Rothford's efforts in fund raising are very much appreciated and no doubt will be explored further next season. Bingo again has proven to be the life blood of our Club and many thanks to Neville O'Connor for controlling these accounts.

It would be remiss of me not to personally thank Bruce Dolphin for his tremendous help during my years both as a player and committeeman. No doubt he will be sadly missed from the Club.

Finally I would like to thank all those who have assisted me throughout the year.

ROD O'CONNOR

DIRECTOR FINANCE

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<u>PARKSIDE FOOTBALL CLUB</u>					
<u>STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE</u>					
<u>FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 1984</u>					
<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
	<u>BANK AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS 1/12/83</u>			ADMINISTRATION	1331.
184	- INVESTMENT ACCOUNT	200	2928	CO-OPERATIVE REPAYMENTS	
8742	- BINGO ACCOUNT	8071	8358	EQUIPMENT	4227
601	- TRADING ACCOUNT	2206	808	FOOTWEAR DIST. FOOTBALL LEAGUE	1883
9527		10477	3238	LIGHT POWER & GROUND RENTAL	3704
			14310	REFRESHMENT PURCHASES	14695
			3679	ROOM MAINTENANCE	1615
			48181	TEAM MAINTENANCE	41945
			4620	UTILITIES	5113
			-	NEW BUILDING	12054
	<u>INCOME</u>		<u>88689</u>		86567
44801	BINGO	42643		SURPLUS 30/11/84	5664
2030	FOOD SALES	3500	10477		
10102	FUND RAISING	7528			
17152	INTEREST RECEIVED	1259		REPRESENTED BY:	
1610	MEMBERSHIP FEES	1660		BANK AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS 30/11/84	
1073	PLAYERS LEVY	760	200	- INVESTMENT ACCOUNT	-
26466	REFRESHMENT SALES	23792	8071	- BINGO ACCOUNT	4214
450	RENT RECEIVED	610	2206	- TRADING ACCOUNT	1450
2255	SALVE OF JUMPS & EQUIPMENT	81754	10477		5664
80639					
92106	TOTAL INCOME	92221			

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Excerpts from The Western Times (1985 and 1986)

Parkside were amongst big first-round winners in the 1985 season. After trailing early, Parkside proved too systematic for Kingsville to win by 54 points.

Parkside 24.15 (159) d. Kingsville 16.9 (105) Parkside best were: Considine, Papas, Allesio, Lockwood and Watson. Goals: Considine 5, J. Barbuto, McConnell (4), Lockwood, Papas (3), Byracheyski, Knox 2 and West 1.

Ken Schwartz wrote in The Western Times on May 1, 1985 that, "Parkside beat last year's premiers, Spotswood, in the FDL seniors' match of the day on Saturday.

"Parkside didn't have Saturday's game all their own way. Spotty booted six goals in the third quarter and were only two points in arrears at the last change. But, then Spotty went astray, kicking five behinds to Park's two goals two behinds in the last quarter."

Best for Parkside were: Lawrence, Donaldson, Fraumald, West and Lockwood.

In round four, Parkside defeated North Footscray by 50 points. Parkside 15.20 (110) d. North Footscray 9.6 (60).

Best for Parkside were: Lawrence, Byrachevski, Brett, West and Bryant. Goals: J. Barbuto 5, West 2, D. Devlyn 2, S. Devlyn 2, Allesio, Richards, Papas and Brett.

Parkside were beaten by Wembley Park in round five. It was their first loss in the 1985 season, causing them to slip from second to fourth place. Wembley Park were seven points down at Henry Turner Reserve but kicked 7.1 to 4.4 in the second half.

Wembley Park 12.10 (82) d. Parkside 8.10 (58)



Les Twentyman reported that, "Parkside Football Club have former Footscray and Williamstown forward Lindsay Murphy coaching their under-17s. Lindsay was a successful Parkside seniors coach in the 1960s. He's also the uncle of Swan's centre half-back Darren McAssey, so Parks' youngsters have a coach with plenty of experience to pass on."

Les Twentyman, The Western Times, May 23, 1985

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Parkside had no trouble beating bottom side Braybrook by 45 points in round nine.

Parkside 12.13 (85) d. Braybrook 6.4 (40)

AI SENIORS	WD	L	F	A	P	%
Sunshine YCW	8	-	2	1435	856	32 167
Spotswood	8	-	2	1148	786	32 146
Parkside	8	-	2	904	753	32 120
Albion	7	-	3	1267	835	28 151
West Footscray	7	-	3	1046	796	28 131
Wembley Park	7	-	3	1062	810	28 131
St Albans	4	-	6	853	1114	16 76
Seddon	4	-	6	903	1223	16 73
Deer Park	3	-	7	879	1027	12 85
Kingsville	3	-	7	934	1130	12 82
North Footscray	1	-	9	800	1215	4 65
Braybrook	-	-	10	630	1318	- 47

The FDFL - 1985 season-Ladder after round 10

In round 11, Parkside defeated Kingsville by 31 points. Parkside best were: West, Mills, S. Watson, Allesio and Byranchevski.

In July 1985, Allan 'Butch' Edwards who played for Richmond (66), Colingwood (35) and Footscray (12) had signed with Parkside. He debuted in round 12 against Spotswood.



"Butch must have lifted Parkside, who lost to St. Albans last Saturday but turned the tables this week by defeating top side Spotswood by two goals. The lead changed several times during the day. Parkside were well served by John Barbuto (five goals) and Vic West (four goals). Paul Madden played well all day for Parkside who was back after a serious injury."

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"Parkside footy club's Ron "Beast" Fraser was adamant, at the Kennel Master's function on Friday night that Parks would roll Spotswood in their FDL match next day. Former West Footscray coach, Bobby Wright, put up a spot. And then the rumor spread that former Richmond, Collingwood and Footscray player Allan 'Butch' Edwards would line-up with Parks. He did, no more bets were laid and "Beast" is a few dollars better off."

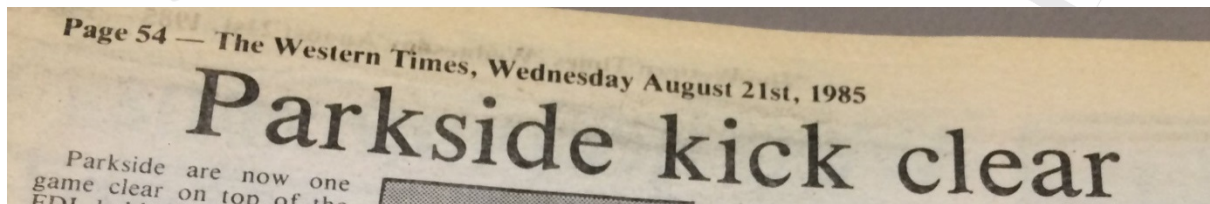
Les Twentyman, The Western Times, July 31, 1985

In the next round Parkside defeated North Footscray by 54 points. Parkside best were: Mills, Brett and S. Watson. J. Barbuto scored 5 goals and "Butch" booted 4.



"Parkside had a strong win over Wembley Park on Saturday, settling the FDL seniors' four. The battle for the double chance is now on.

In a high-standard game, Parkside seemed to have control throughout, eventually winning by 29 points. Consistent play by Paul Madden and Alan Edwards helped Parkside all day with John Barbuto kicking six goals." Parkside 15.9 (99) d. Wembley Park 10.10 (70)



"Parkside are now one game clear on the top of the FDL ladder and must now be considered favourites to win this year's A1 premiership. Mark Lawrence was in good form for Parkside as they continued on their winning way against Seddon. Parkside only have to win next week to have a double chance, and that surely puts them in a box seat."

"Parkside stalwart Geoff Rees, who has played 350 senior games with the FDL club, has not enjoyed the best of health lately. Geoff went to hospital recently, after a collapsing in a match. I'm sure all local football supporters wish him a speedy recovery."

The last game of the 1985 home and away season had brought a draw between Parkside and West Footscray.

Parkside 11.6. (72) drew with West Footscray 9.18 (72)

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Parkside finished the 1985 season Minor Premiers by finishing on top of the table with 14 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses.

A1 SENIORS	W	D	L	F	Ags	P
Parkside	14	1	3	1684	1386	58
Albion	14	-	4	2290	1455	56
Sunshine YC	14	-	4	2332	1545	56
Spotswood	13	-	5	1928	1476	52

In the first semi-final Albion were better side defeating Parkside by 42 points.

“Albion gave a first class display in the heavy conditions on Sunday to easily beat Parkside and go into this year’s FDL grand final. From the first bounce, the cats attacked the ball with the aggression and desire that wins finals games.

Parkside showed weaknesses that must be overcome in a hurry. But Parks’ coach, Gordon Casey, knows the ropes and should be able to provide a few answers. “

2A1	Prelim finals on Saturday
2nd semi-final: Albion 10.17.77 d Parkside 5.5.35.	At Sunshine:
1st semi-final: Sunshine YC 12.19.91 d Spotswood 10.10.70.	9.15am: U17A — Kingsville v Deer Park.
	11.45am: A2 — St Albans v Spotswood.
	2pm: A1 — Parkside v Sunshine YC.
	At West Footscray:



“Sunshine YCW struck top form and played as a team to put Parkside out of the FDL finals.

YCW applied pressure from the first bounce. Mick Kelly continually drove them into attack and Greg Waring inspired their team mates.

Parkside had good players in Matt Byrachevski, Butch Edwards and Paul Barbuto.

Parkside must feel disappointed about missing out on the grand final after finishing on top of the FDL ladder, one game clear.” Preliminary Final: **Sunshine YCW 18.22. (130) d. Parkside 10.9. (69)**



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1986

Parkside started their 56th year in the Footscray District Football League on a high note, annihilated new team North Melbourne Districts by 120 points.

Parkside 19.22 (136) d. North Melbourne & Kensington District 1.8. (14)

In the next round Parkside defeated Wembley Park.

“Top of the ladder team Parkside were tested by Wembley Park and trailed by four goals at half time. But the league leaders got their running game into top gear and won by one point.”

Parkside 14.11 (95) d. Wembley Park 14.10 (94)

Parkside's home ground advantage helped them stave off a determined challenge from St Albans and win by 13 points, but with a little more accuracy near the goals, St Albans could have provided an upset.

Best for Parks were Anthony Alessio, Tony Bosco and Mark Komp.

In round five, Parkside defeated Braybrook by 35 points. Parkside best were Brett, Komp, Fraumano, Barnett and Alessio.

However, the 1986 season was characterised by the lack of consistency.

Deer Park beat Parkside by 11 points and are now out of the five only on percentage. Parkside will find it hard to stay in the five because they have some tough games over the next few weeks.

Kingsville had a close game with Parkside to win by seven points. Parks, coached by their president Lindsay Murphy, in the absence of Bryan Dalton, just failed to win the match.

Parkside is having a bad run with injuries at this stage. Last week the club lost Captain Leigh Brett with a broken leg and this week Mark Komp broke his jaw, which will be disaster for Kompie as he loves “flapping the gums.”

Parks' coach Brian Dalton was in Canberra on Saturday and the team was coached by club president Lindsay Murphy, who last coached the A team 12 years ago.”

There is a rumor around that “The Wild One” John Sharp will coach Parks next year. Sharpie, who is in England at the moment, rang the West Newport club on Saturday to find that no one would talk to him – nobody had the courage to tell him they only managed a draw.

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ROUND 10

AI SENIORS	W	D	L	P	A	Pts	%
Sunshine YCW	8	—	2	1294	843	32	180
Deer Park	8	—	2	1174	831	32	180
Albion	7	—	3	1185	887	32	141
Spotswood	7	—	3	1215	876	28	132
Kingsville	6	—	4	1224	912	28	128
Parkside	6	—	4	1066	821	24	124
Wentworth Park	6	—	4	1060	897	24	122
Seddon	5	—	5	1083	986	20	119
West Friesley	4	—	6	965	981	16	106
North Friesley	4	—	6	859	907	16	106
Port Collier	3	—	7	1128	1105	12	84
St Albans	3	—	7	841	1290	12	87
Braybrook	1	—	9	876	1261	12	78
N.M. Ken. D.	—	—	10	572	1917	4	69

"Parkside's coach and officials must have been pleased with the form of new rover recruit – Steven Bradby. He roved well and kicked five goals in a great debut. Tony Alessio (four goals) and Tony Lockwood (three) were Parkside's best forwards. While Paul McSweeney and Souli Ktenidis also played well."

After round twelve Parkside had a six wins and six losses.

"In another turn up Parkside defeated league leaders Sunshine YCW by 23 points. This win keeps Parks' final five chances alive. For Parks Paul McSweeney and Craig Watt played excellent games. McSweeney, having his best season with Parks, is regularly in their best players."

"Parkside, too, still have final aspirations, and won by 66 points. Parkside 23.11 (149) d. Braybrook 11.17 (83). Best players for Parks were Mark Komp who is now playing well after returning from injury, and Tony Alessio (eight goals)."



Parkside played well to down St Albans by 54 points. Parks are playing well but it is a pity that they left their run too late. Best for Parks were Alessio (7 goals) and Komp.

Parkside's poor kicking for goal contributed to their five point loss to Deer Park. Even in the final seconds of the game a shot for goal went out of bounds on the full.

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AI SENIORS	W	D	L	P	A	Pts	%
Deer Park	10	—	3	2145	1409	60	150
Sunshine Y.C.W.	10	—	4	2292	1631	56	135
Albion	10	—	4	2085	1631	52	133
Spotswood	12	—	0	2075	1628	48	122
Wentworth Park	11	—	1	2109	1623	44	124
Kingsville	11	—	7	1819	1510	44	106
Seddon	11	—	4	1839	1627	40	114
Parkside	8	—	10	1840	1890	32	97
West Friesley	8	—	12	1545	1721	24	89
North Friesley	4	—	14	1814	2193	16	87
Port Collier	4	—	14	1585	2080	16	86
St Albans	4	—	15	1547	2269	12	65
Braybrook	2	—	17	1101	2086	4	35

But, overall, it is hard to call the 1986 season anything but disappointing in which Parks finished eighth on the ladder.

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Nevertheless, Parkside's Under 13 B side won premiership flag defeating St Albans by 20 points in grand final match.



Parkside Football Club - Premiers 1986 - Under 13 B

Parkside 7.14-56 d. St Albans 5.6-36

Back Row: N. Merry (Team Manager), P. Considine (Coach), L. Murphy (President), L. Cook (Trainer), G. Wickson (Junior Admin.)

Middle Row: J. Martinovic, T. Vasiliadas, W. Dean, K. Taylor (D.V.Capt.), J. Harinos (Captain), P. Betson (Vice Capt.), S. Antonic, F. Vartuli, A. Cook

Front Row: M. Tzikas, S. Merry, S. Kelly, C. Vasiliadas, M. Grima, S. Levic

Absent: P. Atkinson, G. Chapman, T. Howe, S. Ismaliorski, E. Proud, T. Brett (Runner)



Footscray's Brad Hardie won the 1985 Brownlow Medal and At Talaq won the Melbourne Cup in 1986.

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